

Weekly Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY, 2019 | WEEK 3, TERM 2

Mother's Day celebrated at the College



Molly and Harry Opperman enjoy morning tea with Mum Tina Opperman, Grandmother Yvonne Pace and Great Grandmother Maria Persello

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who attended the Mother's Day Liturgy last Friday. It was a wonderful cross generational celebration of the love and joy of being a mother and grandmother. Over 300 people enjoyed a moving Liturgy in the Tenison Woods College Chapel and then moved to the staffroom for a special Morning Tea.

Then during recess, Junior school students were given the opportunity to visit the 'Mother's Days Stall' set up by the PTA in the Multi-purpose room, where they could pick a special gift for their mum/ grandmother.

There were many wonderful gifts available for students to purchase for a modest price, including books, chocolates, slippers and more. Gifts were priced between 50 cents and \$5.00, with all items kindly donated by College families. All fundraising efforts will go towards the PTA's SHINE initiative.

We hope that all mums had a very enjoyable Mother's Day.

Michelle Coote | APRIM – Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission



From The Principal

Mother's Day Celebrations and Mary in the Month of May

As we celebrate motherly care of those who are with us and those who are now enjoying their heavenly reward, we also acknowledge that during May we as a Catholic Church offer our devotion to Mary; our model of devoted motherhood, grace, unconditional love and maternal integrity.

Thanks to our Catholic Identity and Mission Team and to our Senior Student Leaders for their leadership of the Mother's Day Liturgy and Morning Tea, and once again, the Sugarloaf Café and Hospitality students for ensuring that the event was very well catered.

Special thanks also to Aleathia Holland, Suzie Toogood and the committed PTA members, who ensured that there were many wonderful gifts available for students to purchase for a modest price at the Mother's Day Stall.

National Families Week - Stronger Families, Stronger Communities

The United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution 47/237 of 20 September 1993, proclaimed that 15 May of every year shall be observed as the International Day of Families. The United Nations states that "this annual observance reflects the importance which the international community attaches to families as basic units of society as well as its concern regarding their situation around the world. The International Day of Families provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families as well as to promote appropriate action. The Day can become a powerful mobilising factor on behalf of families in all countries, which avail themselves of this opportunity and demonstrate support of family issues appropriate to each society."

National Families Week coincides with the United Nations International Day of Families on 15 May. All Australians, including community organisations, schools, councils, companies and individuals are invited to participate in National Families Week each year. The enduring theme is 'Stronger Families, Stronger Communities'. This theme continues to highlight the important role families play as the central building block of our communities and deliver the message that community wellbeing is enhanced by family wellbeing.

In recognition of National Families Week, 15-21 May, we are reminded to reflect on the role families play in our community and the importance of celebrating the presence and meaning of family, as the protectors, first educators and nurturers of children and young people. We know that living in loving and stable families is an important safety factor for children. To support children and keep them safe we understand the importance of supporting their families also, especially those who may be experiencing stress or difficult times. The encouragement of family life is a key focus in our Archdiocese and within our school and parish team. National Families Week is an important opportunity for us to welcome and embrace the richness and diversity families bring to our parish communities.

The Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit has a responsibility to assist with supporting the care and well-being of children and families in our community and can be contacted on (08) 8210 8159.





33rd Annual Cardijn Exchange

I am delighted with the way in which our students are preparing for the 33rd annual Cardijn College Exchange. The sporting and debating competitions conducted this year at Tenison Woods College have a wonderful tradition of impressive skill level, team spirit and fair play. Sincere thanks to all parents, staff and students who are involved in preparing for the exchange and hosting our Cardijn visitors, with special thanks to Ciaran Buckley, Years 8-12 Sports Coordinator, and the Health and Physical Education Team for their coordination of such a significant event on our College calendar.

Federal Election – A Catholic Perspective

As we move toward the federal election I share with you some insightful documents. The first is the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference statement: [Politics in Service of Peace](#). The statement draws attention to the needs of those who are poor or vulnerable such as those who are homeless or are survivors of child sexual abuse, people with disability, asylum seekers and refugees, and those requiring aged or palliative care. It calls for a renewed commitment to closing the gap between Indigenous Australians and the rest of the population, and for “an integrated approach to combatting poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded and at the same time protecting nature.” The statement presents key principles of Catholic Social teaching to be considered and offers a prayer for the election.

The second document is from the [National Catholic Education Commission \(NCEC\)](#) which provides responses from the major political parties to specific questions regarding Catholic education put to them by the NCEC.

Finally, the latest newsletter from [NCEC](#) has also been released for distribution. I wish you all the best as you navigate the political landscape to discern the best decisions for our country, now and into the future.

Parish Planned Giving Rebate

I remind families that parents contributing to the Parish Planned Giving may claim a rebate from Tuition Fees of 50% of their contribution up to a maximum claim of \$750. Official Parish receipts are to be presented to the Finance Department after the 30 June 2019 for a deduction to be made.

Staff Professional Development Days – 6 and 7 June

Staff are looking forward to the staff professional development days on Thursday 6 and Friday, 7 June, when they will devote time to the learning and assessment experiences prepared for students, as well as the wellbeing approach at the school.

I trust students and parents will experience the benefits of the days through our service to students and families throughout the College. I remind families that these days are student-free days.

God Bless,

David Mezinac | Principal



Tip of the Week from the Deputy Principal

This week students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 have been participating in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. This testing will conclude on Monday 20 May. The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

Overall, NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. In 2019 Tenison Woods College students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will sit the NAPLAN online tests. Feedback in the first year of NAPLAN Online showed that students engaged well with online assessments.

NAPLAN results will be received from mid-August to mid-September, and the College will notify parents when the reports are being sent home.

Families can access more information [here](#).

Liza Couzens | Deputy Principal

Sacrament Family Session

On Thursday 23 May all students who are enrolled in the Sacramental program are required to attend the final family preparation session. All students are to attend with at least one parent/carer. Sessions are held in the Tenison Woods College Staffroom at either 4.30pm or 6:45pm.

Youth Mass

The 11.00am Mass this weekend will be a Youth Mass. Young people will lead the music and the readings. We look forward to seeing many families and students in attendance.

Parish Mass

Mass is celebrated in the Tenison Woods College Chapel each Thursday at 9.00am during term time. All members of the community are invited to attend. Each week the mass is attended and led by a different year level.

The roster for Term 2 masses is as follows:

Week 3	Thursday 16 May – Year 11
Week 4	Thursday 23 May – Year 10
Week 5	Thursday 30 May – Year 4/5
Week 6	Thursday 6 June – Pupil Free Day
Week 7	Thursday 13 June – Whole School Mass
Week 8	Thursday 20 June – Year 9
Week 9	Thursday 27 June – Year 8
Week 10	Thursday 4 July – Year 6/7

Michelle Coote | APRIM – Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission



Students raise funds for Caritas in ‘puzzling’ manner

Last Friday, 10 May, three adventurous and dedicated senior students created a Quiz Night for Caritas. Over 50 people attended this fundraiser, which was chosen by the students as part of their Society & Culture assessment. Questions ranged from the easy (who played Captain Jack Sparrow?) to the difficult (how many dimples on a golf ball?) to the almost impossible (what is the eighth most popular language in the world?), alongside puzzles for each table, a silent auction and traditional games like heads and tails.

Senior students Reagan Sims, Matt Dell' Antonio and Charli Hockey created the night from the ground up, writing all the questions, designing puzzles and approaching businesses for prize donations and liaising with a range of people to organise and run the evening. They discovered that there is a lot to organise and now have a greater knowledge of the attention to detail required in making these nights a success.

The night was fast-paced and highly entertaining, generously supported by local business with prizes and silent auction items, both valued at several hundred dollars.

Special thanks must go to Jason de Nys, whose role as Quizmaster meant that the memes and unexpected gifs kept everyone amused and engaged.

All in all, over \$500 was raised for Caritas, which will be much appreciated in meeting the needs of people in the developing world. This is an outstanding effort from a creative team of students in making a difference to others.

Adam Taylor | Year 12 Teacher



National Walk to School Day this Friday

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! We are participating in National Walk to School Day this Friday, 17 May and will be walking from the Railway Lands to the College. If your child wishes to participate, please meet at the Wehl St entrance to the Railway Lands at 7:50am for an 8.00am departure. We will be walking along the railway track and plan to be at school around 8:30am. Parents are more than welcome to walk with the students.

Donna Johnson | Year 4 Teacher



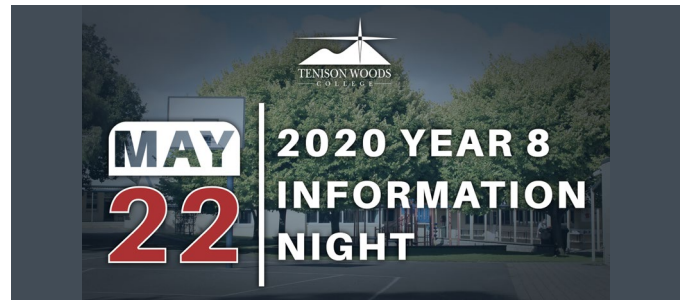
Lunch Time Career Chat series has begun

The Tenison Woods Career Chat series launched in Week one with a session by Flinders University students. Around ten students from the University, who are currently studying a range of health-related degrees – dentistry, psychology, medicine etc, took students through an overview of what the university offers and gave an insight into studying the different options. In addition, students rotated through a number of activities relating to health careers, providing the Tenison students with a dedicated opportunity to speak with Flinders University students about a specific study area.

In Week two, we welcomed Donna Foster - Manager Tourism and Economic Development, former Tenison student Maddi Brookes who is now a Tourism Officer for the City of Mt Gambier, Brett Kennedy - Editor of The Border Watch, our own Jess Herring - PR and Events Manager and Jason Scheidl - PR and Events Coordinator to discuss careers in Media, Tourism, Marketing, Events and Journalism. This was a well-attended session where panel members shared a wealth of experience and advice to our students.

Today, we hosted Greg Megaw, CEO of Group Training and Employment together with Trudi Jones from TAFE who spoke about Apprenticeships, Traineeships, TAFE study options and career pathways. We are exceptionally fortunate to have so many local, intrastate and interstate people willing to share their expertise, talent, recommendations and advice to students. We strongly encourage all Year 10-12 students to make the most of this opportunity to hear speakers from a diverse range of careers and industries. We also warmly welcome parents to come along to any sessions of interest, to promote the sessions to your children and to recommend that they attend. The Career Chat series runs every Wednesday from 1.20pm to 2.00pm in the PRC Lecture Theatre and parents are also welcome to attend. A list of the schedule can be found [here](#).

Jody Elliott | Careers Coordinator



2020 Year 8 Information Night – Save the date

Tenison Woods College invites all students and parents to our Mount Gambier 2020 Year 8 Information evening.

The evening will be held in the Pam Ronan Centre Lecture Theatre, on Wednesday 22 May beginning at 7.00pm.

Come along and hear what is on offer for your child at Tenison Woods College in 2020. Scholarship applications are now open. Forms can be found [here](#) and will close on 5 July 2019.

Tracey Davey | Enrolment Registrar



Ben Pettingill inspires students to “See from the inside out”



Thursday, 9 May saw Ben Pettingill visit the College to speak with the Year 9 and 10 cohorts about “True Vision.” The message of the sessions was to look from the “inside out” for any challenge you may face in life.

At the age of 16 Ben woke up one morning not being able to see. The doctor advised Ben and his family the devastating news that he had lost 98% of his vision for life due to a rare genetic condition.

Ben shared his inspiring story of courage and finding inner strength to overcome any obstacles thrown his way. Once Ben was able to accept that his diagnosis was something he couldn't change, he learnt that it is important to always have an optimistic mindset. Since finding this new way of seeing Ben has competed in multiple Spartan Races, he Jet skis and has trekked the Kokoda Trail.

The students were left inspired and made the following comments:

“He was incredibly inspirational and humorous throughout his speech. I found it so amazing that Ben was able to look at life in a much deeper way after he became blind.” – *Katia Griffin*.

“Everyone was very engaged! The message that was brought out to all of us was very motivational and we were all moved by this speech.” – *Danielle Thomas*.

“I thought he was really inspiring, and it was good to hear that no matter what kind of condition you have, you can live a normal life and do every day activities.” – *Imogen Telfer*.

As a Year 9 and 10 cohort we would like to thank Ben for coming and sharing his story with us. We also thank Tracey Wanganeen from StandBy Support after Suicide for giving us the opportunity to hear Ben speak.

Tania Sigley | Year 10 Wellbeing Coordinator



Open Girls Football Team take the win in second half

Monday saw our Open Girls Football team play against both Mount Gambier High and Grant High at Vansittart Park.

In our first match against Mount Gambier High the girls got off to a slow start and found themselves trailing by 15 points at half time. After a much better second half the girls fell an agonisingly 4 points short. The highlight of the match was Ellen Brown running into an open goal only to get confused and kick it through the points. Best players were Emmason Ilsley, Kayleigh Taylor, Georgia Clarke and Sophie Ellis.

After Grant High enjoyed a huge victory against Mount Gambier High, the Tenison girls went into their game against Grant High lacking confidence. Grant High kicked the first 3 goals of the game and at half time, they were 15 points up. After a few positional changes and a massive second half from Captain Katie Dent, the Tenison girls stormed home to win by 1 point. Ellen Brown redeemed herself outstandingly by kicking 3 of the goals. Best players were Katie Dent, Ellen Brown, Georgia Clarke and Sophie Ellis. Well done to all of the girls.

Brad Maney | HPE Teacher & Year 9 Wellbeing Coordinator



Warm welcome to the new faces in the Uniform Shop

This week Tenison Woods College and Perm-a-pleat introduce two new staff to our Uniform Shop. Natalie Chiesa (pictured right), is our Shop Manager and her second in charge is Susan Button (pictured left). Both ladies have extensive retail experience, are parents at the College and are looking forward to working with our community.

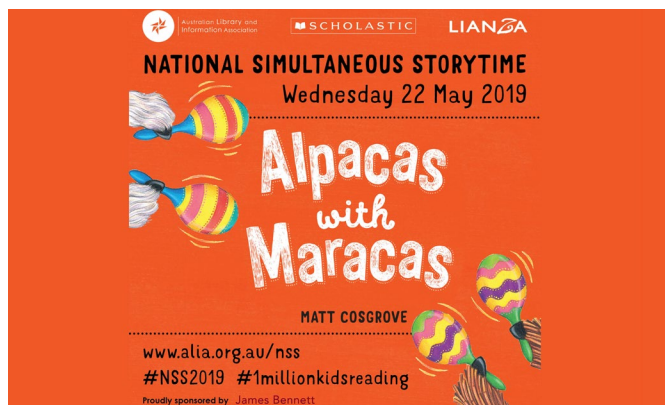
The downside of welcoming Natalie and Susan is that we have farewelled Tina Dunn who has moved to Adelaide. We thank Tina very much for her wonderful service these past four years. Her hard work, friendly face and dedication will be missed. We wish Tina and her family all the best. Coupled with Tina's departure, her very able second in charge, Jess Lucas is currently working with our library team so will be easing out of the shop. Jess has also been with us for four years and has been instrumental in helping the shop be as accessible to parents and students as it is. We will miss Jess' strong commitment and sense of humour, however we know she will be on hand if needed.

Please call in and welcome the new Perm-a-pleat team in the Uniform Shop as they continue with the same hours and wonderful friendly service.

Jennie Sanderson | Director of Wellbeing



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Join in as we read "Alpacas with Maracas" with all of Australia

This year National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) takes place on Wednesday, 22 May 2019 at 9:00am in the Barrie Holmes Stadium and we would love it if you could join us to listen to *Alpacas with Maracas* written and illustrated by Matt Cosgrove.

Our Director of Learning, Scott Dickson, will be MC of the event and will read the book with his incomparable flair. There will also be music, singing and dancing to go along with our fast paced and fun start to the morning.

NSS is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 19th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Reception to Year 6.

By facilitating NSS we aim to:

- promote the value of reading and literacy;
- promote the value and fun of books;
- promote an Australian writer and publisher;
- promote reading activities in our library; and
- provide opportunities to involve parents, grandparents and others to participate in and- enjoy the occasion.

The Tenison woods College Library looks forward to welcoming you to this exciting event.

Alexandra Nicholson | Library Manager



Expressions of Interest for New Zealand 2020 Netball Tour

Please be advised that expressions of interest for the inaugural 2020 New Zealand Netball Tour are due 5pm, Monday 20 May, 2019.

To register your interest please email [Kate Exelby](mailto:Kate.Exelby@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

For any additional information please do not hesitate to contact [Ciaran Buckley](mailto:Ciaran.Buckley@tenison.catholic.edu.au) at the College on 0408 254 278.

Ciaran Buckley | Tour Coordinator



College students to participate in upcoming “ASW Junior Classic” event

The Mount Gambier Cycling Club will be holding the historical 100 Mile Classic on Saturday, 18 May with Juniors racing in their own Classic.

The race will commence at Tenison Woods College with the Junior start line being on Tollner Road. The handicapped race will offer U11/13's a 10 km course and the U15/17's a 20 km course.

The Juniors will back up Saturday's effort with the Junior Kermesse on Sunday which involves laps around the Blue Lake.

The College has a fine group of cyclists racing across both divisions and we wish them the very best.

Pictured L-R: Is Prudence Riddoch, Sarah Salmon - ASW Lawyers sponsor, Molly Opperman, Kobi Svec, Principal David Mezinec, Dean Zeven - President of the Mt Gambier Cycling Club, Harry Opperman and Tess Wight.

Louise Abraham | Senior Adaptive Pathways Years 10-12



Awesome Author of the Week

The awesome author for this week is Amy Finnigan. Amy, recently created this powerful piece entitled “My Boy Jack” as part of a transformative task set in English. Amy had previously studied the poem My Boy Jack by Rudyard Kipling. The narrative is written from the perspective of the father, who hurries around crowds of people who are welcoming home returning soldiers. Amy establishes a strong atmosphere through her setting and builds tension as we approach the narrator’s horrific realisation – for which he blames himself.

Amy is a Year 10 student who has been at Tenison Woods College since Year 3. She has 4 brothers and 2 sisters who are all older than her and have finished their secondary schooling. Amy enjoys spending time with her friends and family and her favourite hobby is reading. Amy loves learning and her best subject is Maths; however, she also likes Drama and is looking forward to the Year 10 production in Week 7. When she finishes high school, Amy hopes to pursue a career in acting. Best of luck, Amy and may all your dreams come true.

Click [here](#) to read “My Boy Jack.”

Marilena Wilson | English Teacher



Book Now for Out School Hours Care for June 6/7 -Student free days

OSHC is now taking bookings for the June 6 and 7 Student Free Days! Join us on Thursday and Friday of Week 6 for two days of fun and creativity at OSHC!

We've got plenty to keep the kids entertained including stress ball making, slime making, plastic shrinkem art, STEM challenges and much more! Afternoon tea - consisting of pizza bread (Thursday) and scones (Friday) will be served with fresh fruit. Please pack recess and lunch for your child.

A reminder OSHC is an egg and nut-free service.

OSHC will operate from 6:45am to 6pm on both days in the Multi-purpose room adjacent to the Barry Holmes Stadium. Children between 5-13 years of age welcome.

To book, please [email](#) OSHC or call (08) 8724 4633.

Marc Lock | Acting Director, Out of School Hours Care



Recipe of the Week – Sausage Rolls

Students in Year 7 have made sausage rolls with fresh herbs from our pottage garden. Each group has added their own touches and flavours to the recipe.

Please find the recipe [here](#)

For daily posts, please follow the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden on Instagram at sakg.twc.

Jen McCourt | Hospitality Teacher



See the Community Noticeboard for posters and notices of upcoming events within our College, and wider community.

Please click [here](#) to view this page.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, 15 May

- 5.00pm, PTA Meeting, Staffroom - POSTPONED

Thursday, 16 May

- 9.00am, NAPLAN
- 10.30am, 5-A-Side Soccer State Final, Adelaide

Friday, 17 May

- 7.50am, National Walk to School Day, Meet at Mt Gambier Raillands
- 9.00am, NAPLAN
- 10.45am, Junior Poplars Community Engagement & Fitness, Squashbrook
- 2.30pm, Junior School Assembly, Barrie Holmes Stadium

Saturday, 18 May

- 6.00pm, Mass, St. Pauls Church

Sunday, 19 May

- 11.00am, Youth Mass, St. Pauls Church

Monday, 20 May

- SAPSASA State Athletics Championships (All Day, Adelaide)
- 9.00am, Year 8 Life Changer Program
- 9.00am, NAPLAN
- 7.00pm, Term 3 Reception Information Evening

Tuesday, 21 May

- Year 8/9 Knockout Football Vansittart Park
- 10.15am, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, Staffroom
- 12.00pm, Whole School Assembly, Barrie Holmes Stadium

Wednesday, 22 May

- 9.00am, National Simultaneous Storytime Parade, Barrie Holmes Stadium
- 7.00pm, 2020 Year 8 Information Night

Canteen Roster - Week 4, Term 2

For those rostered to work in the canteen, your starting time is 10.00am and your finishing time is 2:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact the Canteen Manager, Leanne Sandow.

Monday - Naomi Mitchell

Tuesday - Lyn Wilson

Wednesday - Priscilla McEachern

Thursday - Sarah Cutting

Friday - Kiana Emmerson

Lunch order bags can only be used once, they are not reusable.

Icy poles cannot be ordered on lunch bags. Children need to come to canteen to purchase.

Uniform Shop

Regular Opening Hours:

Tuesday: 8.00am - 12.00pm

Thursday: 1.00pm - 5.00pm

A reminder that Students are required to wear their Winter Uniforms for Terms 2 and 3.

Contact Us:

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Year 12 students Laura Casario, Adele Prosperi-Porta, James Lucas, Ryleigh McBain and Emily Turley help out at the Mother's Day Morning Tea



Mitchell Chapman, Zane Lewis, Ben Imani and Lachlan Moss at the Mother's Day PTA Stall



Reception students Benjamin Couchman, Harry and Ted Lucas and Digby Stephens show off the presents they bought at the Mother's Day PTA Stall

Year 12 Drama Production Wednesday June 5

Please save the date for the upcoming Drama production which will be held at the Wehl St. Theatre on 5 June 2019.

Click [here](#) to enlarge poster.

