

Weekly Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY, 2019 | WEEK 4, TERM 2

National Simultaneous Story Time event has students shaking their maracas!



Around five hundred and fifty Early Learning and Junior School students, along with staff and parents, enjoyed a fun filled start to the day with National Simultaneous Story Time, an event which sees all libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around Australia read the same book at the same time.

At Tenison Woods College, we shook our maracas, danced the Mexican Hat Dance and sang La Cucaracha as we listened to our Director of Learning, Scott Dickson, read this year's selected book by author Matt Cosgrove "Alpacas with Maracas". So much fun and excitement was had by all!

I think this year may have been our "best one ever" and what a great way to promote literacy and a love of reading.

Thank you to all who joined us today and we look forward to seeing you all at our Book Week Parade in August with the theme being "Reading is my Secret Power."

Alexandra Nicholson | Library Manager



From The Principal

National Reconciliation Week - Grounded in Truth, Walk Together with Courage

Beginning next Sunday, 26 May, National Sorry Day, through to 3 June members of faith communities across Australia are encouraged to offer prayers for reconciliation between Indigenous and other Australians. This year's theme for National Reconciliation Week is: Grounded in Truth, Walk Together with Courage.

The National Day of Healing or 'Sorry Day' on 26 May commemorates the anniversary of the tabling in 1997 of HREOC's Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their families, Bringing Them Home.

National Reconciliation Week occurs from 27 May to 3 June each year, as these two dates mark important anniversaries in Australia's history. On 27 May 1967, Australians passed a referendum that removed clauses from the Australian Constitution which discriminated against Indigenous Australians. On 3 June 1992, the High Court agreed with the position put in the Mabo case, that Australia had been occupied prior to European settlement, and as such, certain rights to native title were preserved by the Indigenous population. These two historic steps forwarded the recognition of Indigenous Australians and their rights, as they both reversed previously held beliefs.

At the heart of reconciliation is the relationship between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To foster positive race relations, our relationship must be grounded in a foundation of truth. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have long called for a comprehensive process of truth-telling about Australia's colonial history. Our nation's past is reflected in the present, and will continue to play out in future unless we heal historical wounds.

Today, 80 per cent of Australians believe it is important to undertake formal truth telling processes, according to the 2018 Australian Reconciliation Barometer.

Australians are ready to come to terms with our history as a crucial step towards a unified future, in which we understand, value and respect each other. This week is a time for all Australians to renew their commitment to reconciliation and to actively work against the injustice, prejudice and exclusion that plagues our common journey. As Australians, we are all here, woven into this country. As such and as part of our reconciliation journey, there are truths to tell, stories to celebrate, and relationships to grow so that reconciliation can be at the heart of our nations' future.

Students at Tenison Woods College will be invited to pray during this week for the unity and dignity of all peoples in Australia; accentuating that Reconciliation Week invites us all to acknowledge our history, celebrate our common story and build a resilient future as a diverse but unified Australia.

UniSA Visit

I was delighted to host University of South Australia visitors as part of their visit to the region with their divisional meetings and the celebration of graduates at the Mount Gambier Campus. Thursday afternoon I was delighted to participate in a stakeholder lunch which was followed by a visit to the College by:

Assoc Prof Graham Hardy, Head of School, School of Education

Professor Kurt Lushington, Head of School: Psychology, Social Work and Social Policy



From The Principal *continued...*

Professor Nancy Arthur Dean: Research and Innovation

Ian McKay, Regional Manager: Mount Gambier

As part of their visit we discussed how we could work together to support staff development to complement staff action research and classroom practice. I look forward to our exciting plans evolving further and ultimately benefitting the learning of the young in our community.

33rd Annual Cardijn Exchange – They are ready and confident!

Liza Couzens, Scott Dickson and I were delighted to visit Cardijn College last Wednesday to see how their implementation of innovative Year 7 and Middle School learning is evolving in the College. As we moved around the College it was evident that some areas of the College were not accessible to us, and we anticipate that it was in those areas that high level training and planning for the Cardijn Exchange was occurring.

Despite our best efforts, we were unable to ascertain any insights into their well concealed training regime and careful planning. I continue to encourage our team to prepare well 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, Sports Coordinator, and the Health and Physical Education Team for their coordination of such a significant event on our College calendar.

Big School ... Lots done ... Lots to Do

I am delighted with the maintenance that has occurred at the College since the start of 2019. With an aspiration of providing the best facilities possible for our students, staff and parents, the Grounds and Maintenance team, with contractor support, has completed the following:

- Installation of a lift in the PRC – this includes swipe reader to monitor access;
- Refurbishment of Sugarloaf Café – floor, painting and splashbacks
- Painting to a section of Moorak Building;
- Painting of the facade of PRC;
- Painting of replaced ceilings in Male Gym toilets, TR19 and staff toilet in the 700 block;
- Re-fencing of the Junior School netball court;
- Repaving behind the Year 1 and Year 2 portables;
- Removal of Office wall in Gym to assist with redesigning of the working space
- Purchase and installation of new equipment in Home Economics and Tech Studies;
- External painting to Junior School and walls throughout the College – this is ongoing;
- Repairs and repainting of the Gym Male and Female toilets;
- Laying of new carpet in all Year 1 classrooms;
- Thorough maintenance of Middle and Senior School toilets with ongoing maintenance to the Junior School facilities;
- Installation of cabinetry in Hospitality classrooms;
- Supply and install of cabinetry in the Design and Technology and Poplars shed space; and
- Replacement of work benches in Design and Technology and VET spaces.

I thank Justin Kenny, John Naismith, Sunny Mya, Sarah Edwards, Joel Thorne and Malcolm Wighton for their efforts. In addition to the maintenance tasks, there are many latent Staff support tasks that are asked of the team; tasks which are performed with an accentuation of service and care for the individual needs of our community. I am very pleased that Joel Thorne has recently joined the team as a painter, and will assist us in the significant task of painting maintenance throughout the College.

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

Drop Off and Pick Up Safety

The safety of our students and school community is of the utmost importance to us, particularly during school pick up and drop off times. We ask that parents/carers utilise our drop off/pick up location points situated around the College such as the 'kiss and drop' areas, the Marist Park parking area or Shepherdson Road where students can safely utilise the dedicated school crossing.

The smooth running of the 'kiss and drop' area depends on the courtesy of all users to keep the traffic moving. Should children not be at the 'kiss and drop' area ready for pick up, parents are kindly asked to complete another cycle of the area to ensure others can collect their waiting children.

If parents are dropping off or picking up their children from White Avenue, which is a 60km/h zone and a high flow traffic area, it is advisable that parents drop off and pick up students on the Tenison Woods College side of the road. Please discuss with your children, for safety reasons, that if they are required to cross White Avenue, they must cross at the island crossing on White Avenue. As a reminder, the speed limit within school grounds is 15km / hour and is designed to assist with maintaining the safety of all community members, particularly those walking and riding bikes to school. Please keep in mind that the one-metre distance between car and bike still applies within the school grounds.

Liza Couzens | Deputy Principal



CIM Team News

Volunteers Week

This week is National Volunteers Week (NVW). NVW is the annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers and the theme for 2019 is "Making a world of difference".

The Catholic Identity and Mission team would like to sincerely thank everyone in the Tenison Woods College community who volunteer in our school, parish and wider community. Staff, students and parents are regular helpers in the St Paul's Parish, at the Vinnies shop and at the Sunset Community Kitchen.

Sacrament Family Session

On Thursday, May 23 all students who are enrolled in the Sacramental program will 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.

Celebration of First Eucharist and Confirmation

We are quickly moving towards the celebration of First Eucharist and Confirmation on 1 and 2 June. 24 children and their families are part of the Sacramental program that began in August 2018 and will culminate next weekend. All are welcome to help these children celebrate these Sacraments by attending one of the 2 masses in St Paul's Church on that weekend. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday evening at 6.00pm or Sunday morning at 11:30am - not at the usual 11.00am time.

Family Mass

The 11.00am mass this weekend will be a Family Mass. We look forward to seeing many families and students in attendance. Children are encouraged to lead the readings and the music. Parents are asked to contact Cisca Teodoro at the Parish Office on 8725 6566 if their child would like to be involved.

Help Wanted

Sunset Community Soup Kitchen: The Soup Kitchen are looking for donations of food and volunteers to help out. If you are able to assist with food donations, please drop them off to the Soup Kitchen at Frew Park on Mondays or Wednesdays after 5.00pm. If you can assist as a volunteer please contact Pat at the Parish Office on 8725 6566.

Vinnies: Vinnies are looking for some new volunteers to help at the Vinnies Shop in Crouch Street on Saturday mornings once every couple of months from 9.00am – 12 noon. The shop is staffed by Tenison Woods College Staff, Parents and Students on Saturdays and a lot of fun is had by all who are rostered on. If you are able to assist please contact [Nada Brookes](#) at Tenison Woods College. Middle School and Senior School students can volunteer without parents however Junior School students must be accompanied by a parent.

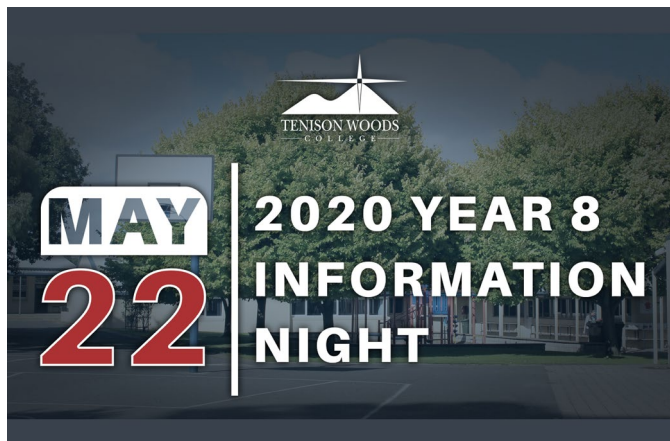
Parish Mass

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 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



2020 Year 8 Information Night TONIGHT

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, TONIGHT – Wednesday, 22 May beginning at 7.00pm.

Come along and hear what is on offer for your child at Tenison Woods College in 2020.

Tracey Davey | Enrolment Registrar



College takes ‘Walk to School Day’ in its stride

Friday, 10 May was National Walk to School Day. Over 50 staff, parents and students walked from the Mount Gambier Railway Lands, along the ‘rail trail’ to the College. It was a spectacular morning for a walk and it was terrific to see such a big group take part in the annual, national event.

Walk Safely to School Day promotes the important message that active kids are healthy kids. The event encourages parents, carers and their children to build regular walking to and from school into their daily routine.

Encouraging less driving and more walking aims to decrease vehicle congestion around schools and reduce carbon emissions from idling cars. Lastly, it is just a nice way to be part of your community.

Donna Johnson | Year 4 Teacher



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Marist Brothers and Mercy Sisters Scholarships open for 2020

The Marist Brothers and Mercy Sisters Scholarships are available to students of families who may be experiencing financial hardship and are open to current Year 7 and Year 10 students.

The Marist Brothers Scholarship is awarded for up to 3 years for students in Years 8 to 10 and the Mercy Sisters scholarship for 2 years for students in Years 11 and 12.

Applications are currently open and we invite all families, who think they may qualify, to obtain an application form from the Front Office.

Alternatively, information on the Scholarships can be found online on the Tenison Woods College website [here](#).

Any queries can be directed to the Front Office or to me, Neal Turley, on 8725 5455.

Applications close at 4.00pm on 5 July 2019.

Neal Turley | Business Manager



Annual Cardijn Exchange: Let the games begin

On Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 May, Tenison Woods College will become a hive of activity for the highly anticipated annual Cardijn Exchange. Various sports will be played over the two days, along with a much anticipated debate. The annual exchange provides the opportunity for many new friendships to be formed, with participating Tenison Woods College students opening up their homes to welcome the Cardijn students for the two-night stay.

Tenison Woods College invites all interested parents and spectators to come along and watch the competition at any time over the course of the exchange.

The closing ceremony will be held in the Barrie Holmes Stadium on Tuesday, 28 May at 2:00pm, where the Tenison Woods College community will officially farewell Cardijn College as the 2019 exchange draws to a close. We wish both schools the best of luck for the 2019 exchange.

Please find attached the [schedule](#) for both days.

Tori McIntyre | Sports Administration Trainee



SAPSASA State Athletics Championships

After qualifying at the SAPSASA District Athletic's Day on 26 March, a small contingent of Tenison Woods College Students went on to represent the Lower South East in Adelaide on Monday at the State Athletics Championships. We congratulate the following students: William Humphries, Maggie Collins, Rex Jones, Indi Lawrence, Madi Lane and Jacob Salmon.

The following students were Medal recipients in their events:

- Maggie Collins 11 year old girls 100m and 200m silver medal.
- Jacob Salmon 12 year old boys 200m bronze and 800m silver medal.
- Rex Jones 12 year old boys high jump bronze medal.

Well done to all involved and congratulations to all our students.

Tori McIntyre | Sports Administration Trainee



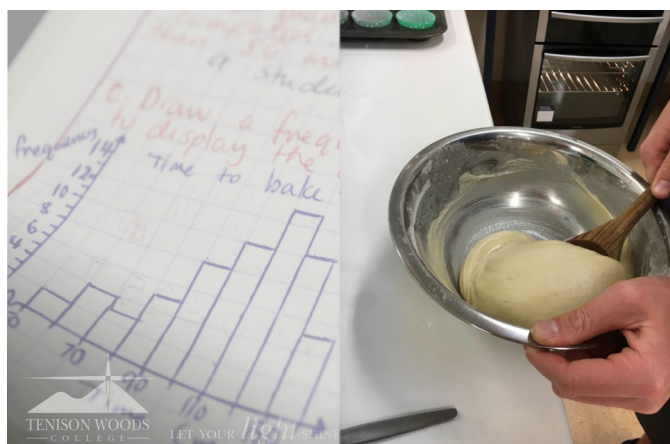
New hats available for purchase at the Uniform Shop

Early reminder to all families – From the beginning of Term 4 students will be required to wear the regulation Perm-a-Pleat hat. This complies with our 3 year phase in policy for all new uniform items.

The old bucket hat with the blue edging does not comply with the Sun Smart regulations and will no longer be permitted.

The Uniform Shop currently have plenty of stock of the new hat so be sure to call in, meet the new staff and purchase your replacement hat.

Jennie Sanderson | Director of Wellbeing -



Shining in the Classroom - Mathematics in the kitchen

During Term 2, Year 11 Essential Mathematics students have been learning about statistics, and they have applied their learning in an engaging way by making muffins.

Students firstly identified the importance of being consistent when making a product; especially if the product was intended for commercial sale. They explored this concept of consistency further by baking a batch of muffins. During this task, students carefully considered their method of baking and then measured the height, weight and spread of each muffin.

The data across the class was collated and analysed using several measures of central tendency and spread to determine which group baked the most consistent muffins.

Students were able to apply the mathematical skills learnt in class to a real-world activity, greatly assisting their understanding of these concepts. There was certainly a lot of friendly competition in the kitchen, as well as some potential MasterChef contestants.

Jason de Nys | Mathematics Coordinator and Science Coordinator



Congratulations to students chosen for Lower South East SAPSASA Football and Netball Teams

The College would like to congratulate the following students that have been selected following an extensive tryout process for the LSE SAPSASA Football and Netball teams and wish them well as they compete in Adelaide during Week 8 Monday 17 June to Friday 21 June.

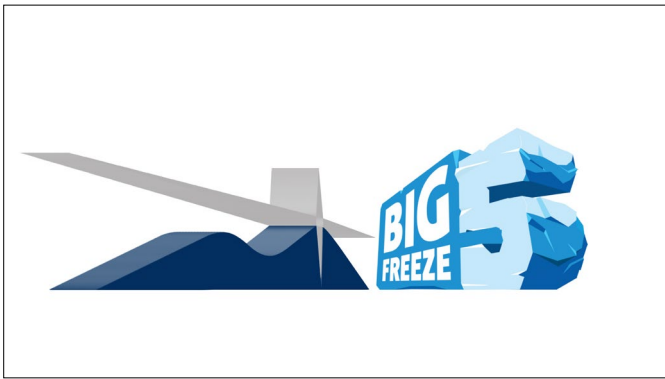
SAPSASA Football

- Jacob Salmon
- Jared Kuhl
- Deacon Ilsley
- Rex Jones
- Angus Clarke

SAPSASA Netball

- Zoe Balog
- Ambah Beveridge
- Cara Nulty
- Aleisha Pearson
- Chelsea Ryan
- Jessica Stutley
- Ellie Xanthopoulos
- Paige Exelby

Sharon Adams | Sport Administration



Staff take the plunge for Motor Neurone Disease

On Thursday August 8, Tenison Woods College will be holding their very own 'Big Freeze for Motor Neurone Disease' (MND). Staff and community members will be participating and sliding their way into an icy pool with all funds raised going towards finding a cure for MND.

You can donate either [online](#) or with cash. Unfortunately, there is no way to monitor how much we raise as a community, so if you do choose to donate, please email [Chloe Shanahan](#) with the amount so we can keep track of our fundraising total.

Online donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt but cash donations will unfortunately not be issued a tax deductible receipt.

Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause and enjoy watching members of our community slide their way into making a difference in the fight for a cure for MND.

Staff and students taking the plunge include:

- David Mezinac
- Ciaran Buckley
- Jamie Edwards
- Donna Johnson
- Carlee Ransom
- Nick Patzel
- Chloe Shanahan
- Simone Gill
- Kaitlin Egan
- Emily Turley
- James Lucas
- Lara Willoughby

Brad Maney | HPE Teacher & Year 9 Wellbeing Coordinator



College Footballers move onto Round 2 of Knockout Competition

Tenison Woods College Year 8/9 footballers won through to the second round of Secondary Schools South Australia (SSSA) Knockout Year 8/9 Football competition on Tuesday at Vansittart Park.

The boys played St Martins Lutheran College (SMLC) in the first game and were very polished in their approach, maintaining possession of the ball and being efficient in front of goal. St Martins were very competitive and the score didn't truly reflect their competitive efforts. The final score was - Tenison Woods College 15.06.96 to SMLC 00.03.03.

The second game saw the boys play against a very skilful and determined Mount Gambier High School (MGHS).

MGHS jumped out of the blocks quickly kicking the first goal of the game but our boys responded well. Leading at half time, Tenison Woods College took total control in the second half, dominating possession and limiting MGHS forward 50 entries.

However, unlike the first game, our boys were wasteful in front of the goals, kicking 1 goal 7 behinds for the half. MGHS scored 2 late goals to make for a tense final 2 minutes of the game. The class of our players came through and Tenison Woods College successfully won the match 04.08.32 to 04.03.27, progressing them into Round 2 where we face Naracoorte High School on later on in the term.

Best players across the day were: Jack Domaschencz, Mitch Harrold, Ollie McInnes, Noah Sims, Zac Hopgood, Ollie Bennett and Kalan Shanks. Great effort boys!

Ciaran Buckley | Years 8-12 Sports Coordinator



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 6:00pm 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



Counsellors Corner: What's wrong with Helicopter parenting?

This week in Counsellors Corner we will look at the idea of 'Helicopter Parenting'. As a generation of parents to the present day child, we have discovered that being very present as a parent is important to really nurture a child. But this generation has taken active parenting to new competitive heights.

Please click [here](#) to continue reading.



Recipe of the Week – Baked Green Beans

Our Year 4 students have used fresh fennel and garlic from the garden to enjoy with their own baked beans, with roasted slices of pumpkins harvested last week. Delicious!

Please find the recipe [here](#).

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

Ben McCourt | Hospitality Teacher



Year 10 Drama presents 'Track & Field' - Save the date

The Year 10 Drama class is very excited to perform their original play Track & Field at Wehl Street Theatre on Wednesday 12 June, Week 7, Term 2.

The play, written by College alumni Isidora Pandilovska and Charlotte Smith, has been developed throughout this semester as part of the NIDA Outreach Program with mentoring from Dr Stephen Sewell, the Head of Writing for Performance at the National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA).

The play explores themes of bullying, mental health and identity; and is recommended for the ages of 14 and over. The performance will start at 7.00pm and entry is via gold coin donation at the door.

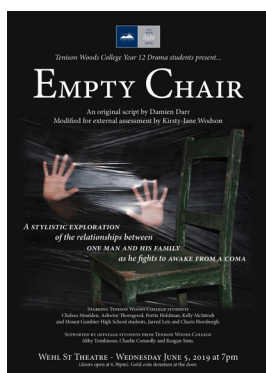
We hope to see you there!

Eliza Suggate | Drama Teacher

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.



Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, 22 May

- 7.00pm, 2020 Year 8 Information Night, Tenison Woods College

Thursday, 23 May

- 8.30am, Electro Tech Renewables Road Trip, Adelaide
- 12.00pm, Year 6 Girls 'Old Gaol' Experience, Old Gaol Mount Gambier
- 4.30pm, Sacrament Session F, Library
- 6.45pm, Sacrament Session F, Staffroom
- 10.40am, 6/7 Knockout Soccer, Mt Barker

Friday, 24 May

- Rotary Careers Conference (All Day)
- 8.00am, 6/7 Knockout Soccer, Returning
- 8.30am, Electro Tech Renewables Road Trip, Adelaide
- 8.30am, Year 6/7 Knockout Football, Naracoorte
- 10.45am, Junior Poplars Community Engagement & Fitness, Squashbrook

Saturday, 25 May

- 6.00pm, Mass, St. Pauls Church
- 7.00pm, Thunder Drum Corps Pioneers Performance, Mt Gambier Basketball Stadium

Sunday, 26 May

- National Sorry Day
- Cardijn Exchange
- 11.00am, Family Mass, St. Pauls Church
- 12.30pm, Sacrament Family Retreat Day, Parish Hall

Monday, 27 May

- Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum (All Day)
- National Reconciliation Week
- Cardijn Exchange (All Day)
- 9.30am, Reception Farm Excursion, Lucas family farm, Kongorong

Tuesday, 28 May

- Cardijn Exchange (All Day)
- 9.00am, ICAS Science Competition, Library

Wednesday, 29 May

- ROBOTICS, Lecture Theatre (All Day)
- South East Zone Cross Country, Bordertown (All Day)



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

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

Canteen Roster - Week 5, 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 - Lydia Twining**
- Tuesday - Lyn Wilson**
- Wednesday - Cassie Edwards**
- Thursday - Kate Pohlner**
- Friday - Michelle Black**

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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T: (08) 8724 4637



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TO THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF TENISON WOODS COLLEGE, MOUNT GAMBIER

Dear Community Members

I am writing to inform you that I have appointed Ms Liza Couzens to the position of Principal at St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, Millicent. Liza will commence her new substantive appointment at the commencement of Term 3 this year.

During her 3 years as the Deputy Principal at Tenison Woods College, Liza has led with great energy, commitment and vision, contributing generously to the life of the college. I know that Liza has found these years in leadership at Mount Gambier personally and professionally fulfilling and has deeply appreciated the support of the staff, students, parents and the broader community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Liza for her leadership at Tenison Woods College and congratulate her on her new appointment. She will bring a wealth of leadership experience to the Millicent school and parish community.

Please join me in wishing Liza all the best as she prepares to take up her new position as Principal at St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, Millicent.

Yours sincerely



Dr Neil McGoran
Director

22 May 2019