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Early Learning to Year 12 | Co-Educational Catholic College

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# Weekly Newsletten

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## Year 12 Drama students enthral audience with 'Empty Chair' Performance



A hush fell over the audience at Wehl St Theatre as the lights dimmed and the faint sound of an ECG started piercing the silence. A faint red glow lit the swirls of the raised set stage right, and a lone figure called out into the darkness. His hospital gown and bandaged forehead indicated what was to come and as stage right dimmed, the audience was blinded by the bright lights stage left of a hospital room with the silhouette of a patient backlit onto a curtain screen. 'Empty Chair' was initially a 25-minute short play written by English playwright Darian Darr but was expanded to increase the stage time and meet the character number requirements of the Stage 2 performers. Stepping back into the '80s, the characters spent time with the comatose 'Calvin', revealing their personal secrets as he lay unresponsive in his hospital bed, but trapped in his mind and completely aware of what was being divulged to him. A twisting tale of betrayal, love, bitterness and dedication unfolded over the 60-minute play as the lighting cleverly divided the set into fantasy and reality. The 'Empty Chair' stood as a portal between both worlds - eerily lit in a constant blue glow. A short interval indicated the passing of time as we were treated to the fashions of the '90s; a decade of change which Calvin had missed whilst caught in his own fictional world with highly stylised memories of those closest to him. The audience was aware that time was running out

for our protagonist – and many were shocked at the change of heart rate in the background as he struggled to make the decision to forgive his loved ones and himself. In front of their peers, actors Chelsea M, Kelly McIntosh, Ashwini Thorogood, Portia Holdman, Jarred Leis (Mt Gambier High School) and Charis Horsburgh (Mt Gambier High School) convincingly followed the progression of time to portray their individual characters which made this play another Stage 2 Drama success story. I would like to thank students Abby Tomlinson for hair and makeup, Charlie Connolly for lighting design and Reagan Sims for set design.

Many thanks to all who supported these students in their public external assessment both on and off stage.

Kirsty-Jane Wodson | Performing Arts Teacher

### From The Principal

#### Founders Week

Thank you to Aleathia Holland and the PTA, the Catholic Identity and Mission Team, Tenison Woods College staff, parents and carers for their support of Founders Week. Throughout this week we are taking the opportunity to reflect on our founders and the contribution of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Venerable Catherine McAuley, Fr Julian Tenison Woods and St Marcellin Champagnat to our community. We also celebrate the way in which we can follow in their footsteps of faith, action and community in a way that brings life to our school, parish and local community. In terms of our **SHINE** acronym, we have accentuated the **H** this week: **HELP** others to be their best, which speaks of actions like:

- Be prepared to offer your talents
- Find your passion through service
- · Build community

Thank you to all the students for their participation in events over the week and we look forward to the Whole School Mass to be held on Thursday 13 June, at 11.00am in the Barrie Holmes Stadium. Parents and carers are very welcome.

#### Chào mừng (Welcome) Headstart School from Hoi An, Vietnam

We enthus lastically welcome our nine Vietnamese visitors from the Headstart School in Hoi An, Vietnam. Thank you to families and staff who are hosting students and teachers. We trust the delegation's time will be one of rich experiences that create deep understandings, lasting friendships and fond memories of this wonderful part of Australia.

#### World Refugee Week - With courage let us all combine

In 2019, Refugee Week will be held from 16 June to 22 June, raising awareness about the issues affecting refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. Originally celebrated in 1986, Refugee Week coincides with World Refugee Day on 20 June. **#WithRefugees** is the continuing 3-year theme for Refugee Week 2019 in Australia.

This year we bring a fresh focus to celebrating through sharing food and stories from around the world. Today, more than ever, we need a global movement to demand the safety and rights of refugees are protected. In Australia, it is the responsibility of our Government, and each one of us to ensure people forced to flee from their homes can live with dignity and with hope.

#### Student Exemption Form required for absences over 5 days

If your child will be absent from school for more than 5 days, please ensure that you contact the Administration Office to obtain a Student Exemption Form. All absenteeism for more than 5 days is approved by the College Principal and entered into our Attendance system to ensure accurate records are maintained and family's government benefits and allowances are protected.

### From The Principal continued...

#### **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.

#### Fostering our Professionalism During Catholic Education Week

Thank you to all Staff who committed to the collaborative professional learning days Thursday 6 and Friday 7 June, which were designed, in essence, to help us express confidently and deliberately the Catholic Education South Australia 'Living, Learning and Leading Framework.' I felt that after the two days, Staff emerged with a very deep appreciation of what we need to do to ensure the aspiration of SHINE becomes a reality in each of our areas of responsibility. The days covered the following topics:

#### Thursday - Wellbeing Strategy

- EY-5 Kimochi Training
- 6-12 Resilient Impact Training

#### Friday - Learning Strategy

Living, Learning Leading AR 2019

I trust students and parents will experience the benefits of the days through our service to students and families within the College.

God Bless,

David Mezinec | Principal

## Tip of the Week from the Deputy Principal

As families will be aware (and as advertised in the Week 5 Newsletter) Tenison Woods College is currently trialling EdSmart. Initially this trial involved Health and Physical Education excursions, however we have expanded this to a variety of other excursions, utilising the Edsmart platform.

For efficient utilisation of EdSmart, it is important that the most up to date email addresses for parents and caregivers are provided to the College.

If parents/ caregivers have changed or updated an email address recently, we kindly request the new email address/es are forwarded to the College Administration Office.

Families are reminded that they will receive an email alerting parents/caregivers that electronic consent and medical information forms are to be completed for an excursion. Parents will be requested to click on the link, which will open to a secure web page version of the consent form. Please complete and submit this form.

This consent form can be completed on your phone, tablet or computer at your convenience. All of the data you submit on the form is held in a secure database, only accessible to selected school staff.

For more information regarding EdSmart, please click the link **here**.

**Liza Couzens** | Deputy Principal

#### CIM Team News

#### Soup for Timor

At both Masses this weekend, the students going to Timor-Leste will be selling soup after Mass. The group will also receive a blessing during the Sunday Mass. Mass times are Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 11.00am. As their departure

date approaches, with students to set off in Week 10, we ask you to continue to keep the group in your prayers as they visit communities around Timor-Leste.

#### Founder's Week and Whole School Mass

This week we are celebrating the Founders of our College. There is a Whole School Mass at 11:00am tomorrow, Thursday 13 June in the Barrie Holmes Stadium. All parents, carers, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend. Each day this week a Shared Lunch will be held as a celebration for the members of each House. Parents / carers are more than welcome to attend. These Founders Day lunches will be held in the MPR in the Barrie Holmes Stadium at 1:20pm each day. Champagnat and Woods lunches have already been celebrated, with MacKillop Lunch to be held on Thursday and McAuley on Friday. Thank you to all those who have supported Founders Week.

#### Year 8 Retreat

Next Thursday the Year 8's will spend the day at Casadio Park for the Year 8 Retreat. Activities for the day will be centred on 'Building a Culture of Gratitude.' We look forward to this day of activity and reflection.

#### Youth Mass

There is a Youth Mass this Sunday at 11.00am.We welcome everyone, both young and old, to come along and enjoy live music and the young people of our parish leading the singing and being actively involved in reading the Readings and prayers.

#### **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 7 Thursday 13 June – Whole School Mass

Week 8Thursday 20 June – Year 9Week 9Thursday 27 June – Year 8Week 10Thursday 4 July – Year 6/7

Michelle Coote | APRIM – Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission



## Year 10 Drama Performance TONIGHT

The Year 10 Drama class is very excited to perform their original play Track & Field, at the Wehl Street Theatre TONIGHT.

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Cost is a gold coin donation at the door. The performance is suitable for high school aged students and above. See you there!

Eliza Suggate | Drama teacher



## Vacation Care Program for Term 2 Holidays

OSHC is now taking bookings for Vacation care over the Term 2 Holidays. Please click **here** to view the program.

Please click <u>here</u> for the Permission slips for the excursions.

For bookings phone Aleisha or Sharon on 8724 4633 or **Email**:



## Year 7 Regional Catholic Co-LAB Day a success

I am delighted that Tenison Woods College hosted the Regional Catholic Schools Co-LAB day; a day of collaboration in the creation of contemporary learning experiences for Year 7 students in our Catholic schools; Tenison Woods College, St Anthony's Catholic School, Millicent and Mary MacKillop Memorial School, Penola. Not only were our students offered experiences in Music Technology, Science Experimentation, Laser Cutting and Rocket Technology, Food Science and Hospitality and Sports Science, but students were also given an appreciation that our Catholic Schools are much more than places of innovation and excellence, but communities in which a well-rounded development of our young is fostered through a deliberate invitation to a relationship with our God. Today has been a wonderful celebration of collaboration across the regional Catholic schools and also an opportunity for us to celebrate the way we are hope-filled communities; communities in which each person is invited to a deep relationship with our God and expresses that relationship by the way they serve one another and our broader global community.

David Mezinec | Principal



## Junior School Discos this Friday! Raising funds for Timor-Leste

This year, as part of fundraising for the Timor–Leste Immersion Trip, the College will be holding 2 discos on Friday 14 June at St Paul's Hall, Penola Road.

#### Disco One 4:30-6:00pm

Students from Reception to Year 3 are invited to attend from 4.30pm – 6.00pm. **Disco Two 6:30-8:00pm** 

Students from Years 4 to 7 are invited to attend from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Tickets are \$5 per person/family and can be purchased from Homegroup teachers. There will be fruit boxes and bags of popcorn for sale at \$2 each, as well as necklace glow sticks for \$2 and bracelet glow sticks for \$1. All proceeds from these two events will go towards supporting the communities and people of Timor-Leste. There will be games and prizes awarded on the night, and we would love to see students dressed up in bright rainbow colours. We invite all Reception to Year 7 students to come along and have a great night while supporting a good cause.

Bernadette Fisher | Timor-Leste Immersion Coordinator



## Premier's Reading Challenge STEM Competition

#### First Moon Landing 50th Anniversary

The Premier's reading challenge is on again. This year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Moon Landing, all entries need to include the title of a STEM book from the Moon landing display in the Library.

#### **Entry Criteria**

#### Years R to 2:

Use a book from the Library display to draw a picture about the Moon or space travel.

#### Years 3 to 5:

Use a book from the Library display to draw a diagram that describes an existing or possible invention that enables safe space travel.

#### Years 6 to 9:

Use a book from the Library display to inspire others to have a career in Space related science and / or technology.

Don't forget to place your name and class on the back of your entry. Entries are to be given to Ms Lloyd by Thursday of Week 10, with prizes presented Friday of Week 10.

Chris Lloyd | Teacher, Librarian



## Students from Vietnam visit Tenison Woods College for study tour

For the next 3 weeks, Tenison Woods College has a small contingent of 8 students and 1 teacher visiting us from Hoi An, Vietnam.

The students attend Headstart School in Hoi An where they study the English curriculum with similar subjects to what our students at Tenison Woods College study.

Whilst at the College the students will be immersed in the English language and join in on various classroom activities as well as taking in the various attractions that Mount Gambier has to offer.

We thank our host families, who have graciously opened their homes to offer these students a real life Australian experience.

Annie Clifford | International Student Coordinator - Homestay Coordinator



## Create a Paper Plane for Motor Neurone Disease Fundraiser

This Friday will be the final day for the Paper Plane Making Competition for Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

The Paper Plane Making Competition has been thought up and created by three Year 5 boys, Max Lynn, Jack Holmes and Jeremy Mackenzie, in the hope of raising money for the MND Australia Charity group.

The charity invests in research to gain the best chance of understanding the causes, developing effective treatments and finding a cure for MND. There are over 2,000 Australians currently living with MND.

To participate your child will need to:

- Create and decorate a paper plane using an A4 piece of paper and their choice of pencils, textas, crayons, paint, coloured paper or other mediums.
   We will be looking for the plane with the most creative and eye-catching design.
- Drop the plane and their 50 cent coin to Miss Bishop's classroom (TR36) by Friday, 14 June.
- Include their full name and class attached with, or written on, the plane.

There will be the chance for each year level of the Junior school to win a prize! We are looking forward to seeing all of the colourful plane entries supporting the MND charity.

Nikki Bishop | Year 5 Teacher



## College footballer Oscar Adams selected for National Team

Year 10 HPSP footballer Oscar Adams has been selected in the 2019 Torrens University SA U16 Football Squad.

Oscar will play three matches during June and July, the first being on Sunday 16 June at Leederville Oval in Western Australia, followed by two games in Queensland in the July school holidays.

We congratulate Oscar and wish him all the best for the upcoming State games.

Kate Exelby | High Performance Sports Coordinator



## Old Scholar and 2018 'Shining Light' Jeanette Elliott honoured with OAM

The College was excited to hear that Mater Christi College Old Scholar, Jeanette Elliott was bestowed with the Queen's Birthday honours over the weekend. Jeanette was also one of the College's "Shining Light" recipients in 2018.

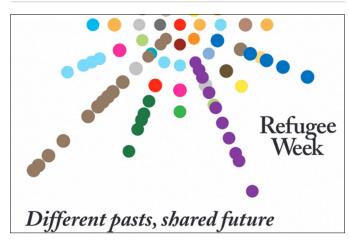
Click the **link** to watch Jeanette's story.

Jeanette was named an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) recipient for 2019. Jeanette has a long standing history with Tenison Woods College. Both her and her mother attended Mater Christi College and Jeanette's three children attended St Paul's Primary School and Tenison College. Jeanette embraced school life during her time at Mater Christi from 1954-1965, forming great friendships and thriving in her chosen sports.

In recent years, Jeanette's focus has turned to charitable work. She has been with St Vincent de Paul for nine years - four as Secretary and four as President. Jeanette delivers Meals on Wheels every week and volunteers for the Red Cross, making weekly wellbeing phone calls to the elderly. She is a member of the Anti-Cancer Fundraising Committee and in 2000 received a Volunteer Award from the Australian Government.

Congratulations Jeanette!

You are an inspiration to our students! We hope they follow a similar path to your own and give back to our Community.



## Book your ticket for the 2019 Refugee Week Celebration

You are invited to the 2019 Refugee Week Celebration. The celebration will be held at the City Hall, Main Corner on Saturday 22 June from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. It is going to be a great cultural night with music, amazing food and a chance to watch some great cooks in action as they share recipes and stories of their culture and lives.

There is no cost to book a ticket, however bookings are required for catering purposes. Please see the Library staff to book your spot!

For more information, please view the flyer <u>here</u>.

Suzanne Pepe | EAL Teacher



#### Awesome Author of the Week

This week's Awesome Author is Tess Wight. Tess completed this task for Year 10 English.

The task is called a 'One-Pager' or 'Notable' and features 'snap shot' information about a text of the student's choice.

Students were asked to select a persuasive text and read it carefully in order to identify its various features including; audience, purpose, appeal, language, context and other linguistic techniques used to convince the audience.

The presentation is an important aspect of this task. It needs to be colourful, engaging and include as much information as possible on a A3 page. I'm sure you will agree that Tess has done a great job.

Tess is a Year 10 student who has been at Tenison Woods College since Reception. Tess hopes to pursue a career in medicine, paramedics or health sciences when she completes her studies at the College.

When asked what she likes best about Tenison Woods College, Tess shared that 'the teachers are of good quality and the school offers a strong range of subjects, especially given its country location.' Tess also refers to the school as 'homely and welcoming.'

Congratulations, Tess

Click **here** to view Tess' piece.

Marilena Wilson | English Teacher



## Recipe of the Week Hummus with Pumpkin

For the recipe, please click here.

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

Jen McCourt | Hospitality Teacher



### **Upcoming Events:**

#### Wednesday 12 June

 7.00pm, NIDA Outreach Performance, Track and Field, Wehl Street Theatre

#### Thursday 13 June

- MacKillop Celebration Day
- 8.50am, Year 10 Outdoor Ed Rock Climbing Camp, Mount Arapiles
- 9.30am, St Martins School NIDA Performance, St Martin's School
- 11.00am, Whole School Mass, Barrie Holmes Stadium
- 2.00pm, First Tech Challenge Robotics Information Session, Lecture Theatre

#### Friday 14 June

- McAuley Celebration Day
- 8.50am, Year 10 Outdoor Ed Rock Climbing Camp, Mount Arapiles
- 10.45am, Junior Poplars Community Engagement & Fitness, Squashbrook
- 1.20pm, Paper Plane Making Competition, MND Fundraiser, Junior School
- 2.30pm, Junior School Assembly, Barrie Holmes Stadium
- 4.30pm, Reception to Year 3 Disco, St Paul's Hall
- 6.30pm, Year 4 to Year 7 Disco, St Paul's Hall

#### Saturday 15 June

• 6.00pm, Mass, St. Pauls Church

#### Sunday 16 June

- Trinity Sunday (All Day)
- 11.00am, Youth Mass, St. Pauls Church

#### Monday 17 June

- Vietnamese Headstart Hoi an Study Tour (All Week)
- SAPSASA Football / Netball Carnivals, Adelaide (All Week)

#### Tuesday 18 June

• 9.00am, ICAS Writing Competition, Library Area 3

#### Wednesday 19 June

 9.00am, Blue Lake Bouncers Skipping Performance, Barrie Holmes Stadium

### Canteen Roster - Week 7, 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 - Kate Pohlner Thursday - Danni Salmon Friday - Bernie Passauer

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

Please click **here** to view this page.

