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Weekly Newsletten

WEDNESDAY 31 JULY, 2019 | WEEK 2, TERM 3

National Schools Tree Day a Success



David Mezinec, Nature Glenelg Trust representative Bryan Haywood, OneFortyOne industry career champion Linda Cotterill, Noel Barr Toyota sales representative Adam Salmon, OneFortyOne estate manager Andrew Matheson, Year 4 student Zane Lewis and Year 5 Student Mckayla Maney

On Friday 26 July, 160 Tenison Woods College Students ranging from Years 3 to 7, were involved in the annual National Schools Tree Day. The day, which the College has been involved in for the past 5 years, allows for people, young and old, to learn about the importance of trees to people, animals and our planet and celebrates local environments.

This year, Students, Staff and Parents were fortunate to work in partnership with local organisations, OneFortyOne Plantations, Noel Barr Toyota and the Nature Glenelg Trust, planting both plantation pine and native plants near Nangwarry. Students learnt about the importance of the timber industry in our region and about the planting of natives in a nearby revegetation zone. The groups were lucky to be blessed with great weather, along with the support of numerous staff from OneFortyOne, Noel Barr Toyota and the Nature Glenelg Trust. Each of the groups demonstrated exceptional participation with Students eager to get their hands dirty.

A big thank you to the Students, Parents and Staff who participated in the activity and the community organisations who made the day possible. We look forward to involving even more students in future years.

If you have a project which you believe Tenison Woods College students would enjoy participating in with links to sustainability and learning, please get in contact with me to discuss further.

Tom Linnell | Early Years to Year 12 Sustainability Coordinator

From The Principal

Our College Plans - Building for an Exciting Future

In last week's newsletter, I conveyed the College's intention to transition to a structure, which will include:

ELCC Early Learning
 Reception - Year 6 Junior School
 Year 7 - Year 9 Middle School
 Year 10 - Year 12 Senior School

This is consistent with the approach across Catholic Education South Australia. The <u>letter</u> and <u>survey</u> from our Directors in South Australia outlined this and was included in last week's newsletter. I include it again for your reference if you missed it in amongst all the exciting updates in last week's newsletter.

At Tenison Woods College, we look forward to this transition taking place in 2021. The College Board has been preparing for this future for the past five years with an exciting and comprehensive Master Plan. The first horizon of the Master Plan will include preparing for the stimulating opportunities offered to Year 7 Students; both current Students of the College, and those who will join us from the various Mount Gambier and Regional Primary Schools.

For those who are interested, I will elaborate on Stage One of the Master Plan in next week's newsletter.

2020 Pathways Expo and 2020 Year 8 to 12 Subject Selection Information Evening.

At Tenison Woods College every learner has a place and every learner has a pathway, every learner will shine. That is our challenge and our celebration. The purpose of the Year 8-12 Pathways Expo and Subject Selection Information Evening is to assist Students and Parents to gather information regarding subjects offered at Tenison Woods College and to assist Students to make informed decisions regarding

their subject choices, learning and future pathway options. To support Students the Expo will offer subject information booths, which will provide information in relation to:

- Subject offerings;
- Pathways within subject areas;
- Skills which can be developed in subjects;
- Pathways post schooling;
- Tertiary and TAFE education options;
- Samples of Student work and
- 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) approach 2020.



From The Principal continued...

The Pathways Expo will be held upstairs in the Pam Ronan Centre and the Information Sessions will be held in the Lecture Theatre. The Expo and Information Sessions will be highly beneficial in assisting Students to make informed decisions about their learning and subject selections; and as such, we strongly encourage all 2019 Students and their Parents to attend the Expo and Information Sessions.

The Pathways Expo and Subject Selection Information Sessions schedule will be as follows:

- 5.45pm Subject booths open
- **6.00pm 6.30pm** (session 1)

2020 Year 8 Subject Selection Information Session

• 6.30pm - 7.00pm

2020 Year 9 Subject Selection Information Session

• **7.00pm – 7.30pm** (session 2)

2020 Year 8 Subject Selection Information Session

• 7.30pm – 8.00pm

2020 Year 10/11 Subject Selection Information Session

8.00pm – 8.30pm

2020 Year 12 Subject Selection Information Session

• Subject booths close at **8.15pm**

Students and families are welcome to attend the subject booths before or after their Subject Selection Information Session. The Sugarloaf Café will be open for light snacks and refreshments throughout the evening.

The Expo and Information Sessions will be highly beneficial in assisting Students make informed decisions about their learning and subject selections.

Staff Listening, Learning and Collaboration - AR19

I have often indicated that school communities are all about relationships, and good learning is nurtured by intentional, life-giving relationships. I am delighted that all teaching staff this year will continue to deliberately think about the ways they can refine and improve learning in their classrooms through reflecting on their craft. Each teaching staff member is implementing an Action Research Project, which is assisting them to reflect on the learning environment they are creating and how learning best unfolds in their care.

This is a wonderful commitment to professional learning because every Teacher at Tenison Woods College is aspiring to be the best they can be:

- For themselves as Teachers;
- For Students;
- For their colleagues other Teachers and Co-Educators.

In all this, I think they are also illustrating the understanding that the two biggest determinants of success in life are curiosity and grit. In persisting with the Action Research project in the busyness of Term 3, I am hopeful of continuing a whole-school discourse about the elements of excellent learning environments, in such a way that we celebrate the craft of teaching and the impact of excellent teaching practice. I also look forward to staff celebrating their actions and findings during our staff conference day AR19 on 25 October - the Mount Gambier Show school closure day.

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 must be presented to the Finance Department for a deduction to be made.

Reception Enrolments 2020

I advise parents and caregivers that interviews are well under way for all 2020 Reception Enrolments. We invite parents and/or caregivers and Students to schedule an interview time with Mrs Jill Rogers, Head of Junior School, to formalise their child's enrolment for 2020. If you have a child who is due to start school in 2020, but have not received a letter, please contact College Registrar Tracey Davey on 87 255 455 and she will help you organise this.

God Bless,

David Mezinec | Principal

From the Assistant Principal – Student and Staff Development

Television Viewing

Occasionally programs come up on television that focus on issues for young people. It is good for parents to be aware of them and to have some guidelines to support their teenagers if needed.

"The Hunting" is a new show that will air on SBS over four weeks, beginning Thursday 1 August. It is a confronting, raw and incredibly realistic mini-series. It conveys "strong messages about consent, trust, sexism, masculinity, online exploitation and friendship within school settings". It will appeal to many of our young people in the Middle and Senior Schools.

If your teenager wishes to watch the program, it may be good to watch it together so that you can discuss the issues raised, however be aware that some of the scenes are quite sexually explicit.

There are various guidelines published for parents. Here is a snapshot of their advice:

- Allow your teen to sit somewhere where eye-contact isn't crucial so that you are not watching them watch the program.
- Use the program as an invitation for discussion regarding respectful and hope-filled relationships.
- Ask general questions rather than interrogate.
- Remind your teen that whatever mistakes they make there is always a way forward with mutual support.
- If your teen is distressed or exhibits behaviour changes, be ready to listen or seek support.
- Support is available from our two College Counsellors: Mairead Mackle and Laura Herbert.

If you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact myself, Michelle Coote or members of the Wellbeing Team.

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal – Student and Staff Development

CIM Team News

Thanks from Caritas

Last week we received a very appreciative phone call from Janette Parr from Caritas Australia. She phoned to thank every single member of the College community for their contribution to Project Compassion 2019. As a school, we raised

\$8590! Thank you to all Staff, Students, Parents and supporters for your generosity.

Vinnies Shop

Did you know that Staff, Parents and Students volunteer in the Vinnies shop every Saturday from 9:00am to 12:00pm? Without this support, the shop would struggle to open. Many shoppers from around the district enjoy 'op shopping' on a Saturday - In fact, the Mount Gambier store is a very busy and social place to be most weeks.

Vinnies has an enormous range of good quality clothing, toys, games, books and other donated items – something for everyone, so call in on Saturday, say hello and see what you can find.

Any Parents and Students who would like to join the roster, (you choose the Saturdays you are available) are encouraged to contact <u>Nada Brookes</u> at the College for further details. Have fun while helping others.

MenALIVE - Weekend For Men

Are you free on 10 and 11 August? Could you benefit from a weekend featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. Now another menALIVE weekend is being organised in the South East at the Southend Sands Caravan Park. For enquiries, please phone Harry Van Eyk on 0406 229 648 or email.

Parish Mass

A Mount Gambier Catholic Community Parish Mass is held each Thursday of the Term (except Week 1) and is led by a different class or year level each week. Mass is held at 9:00am in the College Chapel and all parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend.

The roster for Term 3 Masses is as follows;

Week 2 Year 12 (Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion - NO MASS)
Week 3 Year 11 (Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion - NO MASS)



Week 4 Whole School Mass 11am – Feast of the Assumption

Week 5 Year 8 Week 6 Year 6 Week 7 Year 7 Week 8 Year 4/5 Week 9 Year 9 Week 10 Year 10

Volunteers needed

If you have an hour free once every couple of months and would like to help on the Church cleaning roster, please contact the Parish office during working hours on (08) 87 256 566.

Michelle Coote | APRIM – Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission



Shining Light Awards Tickets On Sale Now

Our 2019 Shining Light Award Night is on Saturday 26 October at Commodore on the Park!

This year, we are recognising the following recipients:

- Tom Kosch
- Pam (deceased) and Brian (deceased) O'Connor
- · Hopper and Bob (deceased) Gabriel
- Ken Green

Tickets can now be purchased via Ticketebo here.

Congratulations to these Old Scholars and College Community Members who will be celebrated in October.

To find out what the Shining Light Awards are all about, visit our website.



Pictured L-R: Nuria, Mencia, Mathis, Lena, Daniel, Elisabeth and Jonah

New International Students

It is with pleasure that Tenison Woods College welcomes seven International Students. Some will be studying with us for 10 weeks, and others up to 10 months. Nuria and Mencia are from Spain. They will be part of the College community throughout Term 3. French Students Lena, Daniel and Jonah will be enjoying our region for 12 weeks. Elisabeth and Mathis are also from France, but will enjoy the Limestone Coast for longer. Elizabeth for 5 months and Mathis for 10 months.

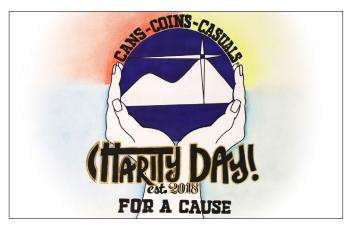
Nuria, Mencia and Elizabeth will be part of the Year 10 cohort whilst Mathis, Lena, Daniel and Jonah have joined the Year 11 cohort.

The Students come from a variety of places. Their hometowns range from small villages in the Alps with a population of 2,000 people, to cities along the coastlines of France and Spain and cities on the beautiful Rhine River.

Our thanks go out to the families who are hosting the Students, as well as to our Students and Staff who have opened up their homes and classrooms to our visitors.

We welcome these Students to Mount Gambier and Tenison Woods College.

Annie Clifford | International Student Coordinator/Homestay Coordinator



Charity Day 2019

This year's "Cans, Coins and Casuals for a Cause" event will take place on Thursday 8 August. This event is one of the biggest and most fun College fundraisers of the year!

We ask that Students come to school in casual clothes, along with a gold coin donation. Families are also encouraged to bring in a donation of a can of food, if possible. These will then be donated to the Vinnie's Winter Appeal.

Beginning at 9:00am, the Cans, Coins and Casuals for a Cause fundraising day will kick off with a "Big Freeze" event to raise money for Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

Many well-known members of the community have agreed to participate and take the plunge, dressed in fun costumes. Please see article overleaf for further details.

In the lessons between recess and lunch, all classes are encouraged to head to the Barrie Holmes Stadium to participate in many fun activities planned by our year 12 Students. Some of these activities include games of dodgeball and cricket, paper plane competitions, decorating biscuits, colouring in, quizzes, lucky dips, lolly bars and more. Some of these activities will have a cost to participate, but no more than two dollars. Following this, at lunch the Year 12 cohort will be cooking a BBQ where sausages can be purchased for two dollars. Other food options will also be available for purchase.

Proceeds from the day will be divided and presented to MND (from the Big Freeze) Sunset Kitchen and the College's Breakfast Club.

It should be a very enjoyable day with fun involved for all ages.

Emily Turley and James Lucas | College Captains

Are you an Old Scholar?

Old scholars are an integral part of the history, tradition and future of Tenison Woods College.

We invite all old scholars, past parents, friends and former staff members to reconnect through our 'Friends of Tenison' committee.

Join us for reunions, seminars and other activities to maintain an association with Tenison Woods College and to reconnect with former friends.

Keep up to date with all the news in the College community.

Register your details today, via our website.



Choral and Vocal Eisteddfods Success

Tenison Woods College is very proud of its choirs and individual Students who competed in last week's Choral and Vocal Eisteddfods. Our Students represented themselves with distinction and their results are a credit to their hard work and the support of their teachers.

Two of our Students were awarded major scholarships. Maixence Williams was awarded the Backstage Inc. Scholarship for "Under 18 Character in Costume" and Gabriel Strachan was awarded the "Under 12 Lions Encouragement Award". The College was also represented by four choirs. A full list of the College's results can be seen here.

Beth Creedy | Head of Music



READING IS MY SECRET POWER

PTA Costume Swap & 'Shop' to Coincide with Book Week

The PTA are pleased to announce the inaugural Costume Swap. This wonderful initiative is specifically designed to help make preparations easier for parents/carers during Book Week. We ask all family members to consider donating any pre-loved costumes or accessories. These costume/s or accessories can be dropped off to the Front Office in Week 2, and in return (if you wish), you will receive a vouchertothen redeem a costume/accessory when the Costume Shop is open, you may come in and purchase a costume. Costumes will be available for various prices to suit all budgets, starting with a gold coin price point.

Costume Shop - For Ticket Holders ONLY

Wednesday 7 August – 2:30pm-4:00pm in the Staff Room (entry via front office). This shop is only open for those that have donated a costume in Week 1 or 2 and have a ticket.

Costume Shop - Open to EVERYONE

Monday 12 August - 2:30pm to 4:00pm in the Staff Room (entry via front office). Open for everyone. Costumes will be various prices starting with a gold coin donation and upwards from there. Please bring cash.

This year Book Week's title is 'Reading Is My Secret Power'

If you need more information, please contact us via <a href="mailto:em

Aleathia Holland | PTA Director





Staff and Community Take the Plunge for Motor Neurone Disease

On Thursday, 8 August, Tenison Woods College will be holding their very own 'Big Freeze for Motor Neurone Disease' (MND) at 9.00am in the Barrie Holmes Stadium. 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.

Staff and students taking the plunge include:

- · David Mezinec
- Ciaran BuckleyJamie Edwards
- Donna Johnson
- Nick Patzel
- Chloe Shanahan
- Simone Gill
- Kaitlin Egan
- · Sharon Brodie
- Tayne Hogan
- Emily Turley
- James Lucas
- Lara Willoughby

Community members taking the plunge include:

- Tom Daly (Pioneers)
- Amanda Frost (Pioneers)
- Dayjar Dickson (Pioneers)
- Pachianna Roberts (Pioneers)
- Kentrell Barkley (Pioneers)
- Michael Ross (96.1FM)
- Mitchell Tinley (96.1FM)
- Mark Lane (South Aussie Pub)
- Lisa Fyfe (F45)
- Troy Bell (Member for Mount Gambier)

We invite parents and carers of the College Community, to join us on the day starting at 9:00am. Donations are welcome (cash preferred) and a donation table will be set up. Come and support a worthy cause, as the participants have put in a large amount of effort with their fundraising. This event promises to be a great start to our annual Charity Day.

Brad Maney | HPE Teacher & Year 9 Wellbeing Coordinator



Hospitality Uniforms Wanted for resale

Students who are looking to sell their pre-loved Academy of Hospitality uniforms are welcome to hand them in for resale to current Students for half the purchase price.

Please place clean, folded uniforms in a plastic bag and hand to Mrs McCourt, or leave with Tanya Thomson at the Senior School office to be placed in Mrs McCourt's pigeonhole. Remember to place your name and contact details on a piece of paper inside the bag.

Jen McCourt | Hospitality Teacher



Open Girls Soccer move onto next Round

Last Friday the Tenison Woods College Open Girls Soccer team took on Mount Gambier High School in the SSSA Knockout Competition.

It was a very competitive, tight match. With just minutes to go, the Tenison girls hit the back of the net to take the win 3-2. The goal scorers for Tenison were Letitia Izzo (2) and Kiah Connolly (1).

It was also terrific to see some Year 8 and 9 students competing well in the Open Tournament! Best players for the day were Ellie Seaton, Letitia Izzo and Clare Davey. The girls now move onto the next round in Adelaide later in the term.

Nathan Fleetwood | Psychology and HPE Teacher, HPSP Soccer Coach



PB's at Short Course Championships for Stratford

Mount Gambier Swim Club competitor and College Year 8 Student, Elijah Stratford recently attended the South Australian Short Course Championships in Adelaide.

Held over four days at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Elijah achieved impressive results, with personal best times in all but one of his events.

He swam personal best times in the 200 metre Freestyle (-8.08 seconds quicker), 100 metre Backstroke (-5.66), 100 metre Freestyle (-3.77) and 100 metre Individual Medley (-3.77).

Elijah now looks forward to attending the Victorian Country Short Course Championships next month.



Maixence Shines in the USA

In early July, Year 9 Student Maixence Williams competed in the World Championships of Performing Arts in Los Angeles.

Maixence was chosen to be part of the Australian delegation, along with nearly 30 other young Australians. The sections in her age group were

huge, with competitors from all around the world including USA, Thailand, Ukraine, Trinidad and Tobago, France, Italy and many other countries.

Maixence received a silver and bronze medal for her singing efforts.

She was able to meet and have lessons with some very well-known singers and vocal coaches including Romeo Johnson and Scotty Grand. Maixence took part in workshops with renowned record producer Jeffrey Weber, Upscale records owner Manny Mijares and Mark Williams from Indasol Records. Congratulations Maixence!

Beth Creedy | Head of Music





Open Basketball Success leads to State Final

On Tuesday, the Tenison Woods College Open Boys and Girls Basketball teams competed in the first round of the Open Knockout Basketball Competition. The Titans played off against Grant and Mount Gambier High Schools in a battle to progress to the State Final. The boy's team won both games convincingly, with the girls having to put up more of a fight against their opponents. However, the final scores saw both teams successfully progressing to the State Final, to be held Wednesday 14 August in Wayville Adelaide.

Well done to all!

Tori McIntyre | Sports Administration Trainee



Collecting Bottle Caps 4 Kidz

"Caps 4 Kidz" is a project aimed at collecting plastic bottle caps to reduce landfill. The bottle caps collected during this campaign will be melted down to make prosthetic hands and arms for children. Working in conjunction with UniSA and Envision, the Students of Year 7C have volunteered to oversee the collection of these bottle caps for Middle and Senior School. In week 3, collection points will be set up around the College and in classes for the plastic bottle caps. \$500 is up for grabs to the school who raises the most bottle caps.

Here's how the campaign works;

- 1. Bottle caps will be collected during Weeks 1-5.
- 2. At the end of Week 5, representatives from UniSA will collect the bottle caps and measure each school's collection through weight.
- UniSA: Mount Gambier will then notify the winning school later in the Term.

What type of bottle caps are eligible?

- Number 2 and Number 4 bottle caps are required. Please check caps before donating. If there is no '2' or '4' on the inside of the cap, please do not add to the collection. These caps are most commonly found on milk, juice and soft-drink containers.
- Bottle caps must be washed and dried.
- Please take out the plastic seal (ring) as this cannot be used by Envision. Schools of all sizes have an opportunity to win!

The winning school will have the most bottle caps per capita. E.g. 1000 bottle caps/500 students = 2 per student. 1000 bottle caps/100 students = 10 per student. (Please note bottle caps will be measured by weight, rather than counting).

For additional information, please watch this $\underline{\text{video}}$.

Barb Metzger | Year 7 Teacher



If you go down to the woods today....

In October, the Academy of Hospitality students will be catering for a "Teddy Bear's Picnic" at Vansittart Park.

The picnic will be part of The Junction Flying High Programme, which also includes a Teddy Bear Adoption Project. The Project is open to everyone. Interested participants can pick up an entry booklet from the College Library, choose a Teddy from the booklet and write a short story about it. There are many Teddy Bear Prizes to be won!

There are some fantastic activities planned for the Picnic in October including jumping castles, giant kites and face painting - Great fun for our junior school students. All funds raised will support Mental Health in the South East through The Junction Resource Centre. More information will be available a little later in the term.

Jen McCourt | Hospitality Teacher



Recipe of the Week Banh Mi Rolls

Year 6 students have started their Asian focused cookery lessons with Banh Mi rolls. Please find the recipe **here**.

Jen McCourt | Hospitality Teacher



2020 HPSP Applications Due

Students and families will need to complete and return all 2020 forms which are due back on 12 August, 2019.

Please find attached the <u>Year 8 forms</u> and the <u>Year 9-11 forms.</u>

If you require futher information please contact Kate Exelby via email or visit the HPSP booth at the Pathways Expo on Tuesday 6 August.



Gold Medal for Lucy Denton at State Netball

Congratulations to Year 10 Studen-Athlete and HPSP Netballer Lucy Denton who played amazingly in the Under 15 State Netball team last week. South Australia was successful winning against Victoria in the gold medal match. Pictured with Lucy is her proud family - Dad Chris, sisters Emily and Abby and Mum and HPSP Netball Consultant Coach Donna.























Wednesday 31 July

• 4:30pm - PTA Meeting, Staffroom

Thursday 1 August

- 9:00am Year 6/7 Girls Crows Cup, Blue Lake Sports Park
- 9:00am Australian Mathematics Competition

Friday 2 August

- TAFE SA Try a Skill Day, TAFE SA Campus, Mt Gambier
- 9:30am Boys SAPSASA Hockey Tryouts, Blue Lake Sports Park
- 12:30pm Girls SAPSASA Hockey Tryouts, Blue Lake Sports Park
- 2:30pm Junior School Assembly, Barrie Holmes Stadium

Saturday 3 August

• 6.00pm - Mass, St. Pauls Church

Sunday 4 August

• 11.00am - Family Mass, St. Pauls Church

Monday 5 August

- 8:30am 8/9,10 & Open Netball, Olympic Park
- 10:40am Year 6/7 Regional STEM Challenge, upstairs Pam Ronan Centre

Tuesday 6 August

- SSSA Open Mixed Hockey, Blue Lake Sports Park
- VESTAS Careers Information Sessions
- · Year 12 Volleyball, Adelaide
- 8:30am Debating Eisteddfods, Wehl Street Theatre
- 9:00am ICAS Mathematics Competition
- 6:00pm 2020 Year 8 to 12 Pathways Expo and Information Night, Pam Ronan Centre

Wednesday 7 August

- Mount Gambier Music Eisteddfods
- New Receptions Rest Day
- 7:30 Year 8/9 Football, Bordertown
- 2:30pm PTA Costume Swap Shop Ticket Holders Only

Canteen Roster - Week 3, Term 3

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 - Cassie Edwards

Tuesday - Lyn Wilson

Wednesday - Marlene Dean

Thursday - Renee Szapory

Friday - Kate Pohlner

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

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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 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.