

Weekly Newsletter



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SAPSASA Season Begins!

SAPSASA Golf

We wish Ben Reichelt, Jack Humphries and Harry Window all the best for SAPSASA golf qualifying day. The event will be held at the Penola Golf Course, on Friday 13 May. Registration will commence at 10:00am with tee off at 10:30am.

SAPSASA Swimming

Recently, the SAPSASA swimming events took place at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre. The Lower South East finished in 7th place in the combined team score division, scoring 125 points. Special mention to Darcy Hodges for an outstanding meet, finishing first in the 50m butterfly and breaststroke and third in the 100m freestyle.

- Darcy Hodges 3rd 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m Butterfly, 1st 50m Breaststroke
- Stella Jones 8th 50m Backstroke, 10th 50m Breaststroke
- Kiahna Little 12th 50m Backstroke, 14th 50m Freestyle
- Henry Kentish 4th 50m Backstroke, 9th 50m Freestyle
- Jess Oxlade 5th 50m Backstroke, 10th 50m Freestyle, 11th 50m Breaststroke
- Jobe Creek 10th 50m Breaststroke



Darcy Hodges

SAPSASA District Athletics Day

On Wednesday 4 May we took a contingent of 37 students to Mt Gambier High School for the annual SAPSASA District Athletics Day.

Students were competing against other schools and for the chance to represent the Lower South East in Adelaide in Term 3. The carnival was open to students aged 9 to 12 years of age and events included 100m, 200m, 800m, long jump, high jump, shot put and discus.

We haven't received official results yet, but all students participated extremely well and enjoyed the day, with the main emphasis of the day being enjoyment, participation, competition and social interaction. Students' participation in SAPSASA carnivals and championships promotes skill development and allows children to experience competition outside the local district

Many thanks for Mrs Dickson, Elyse Willoughby, Mrs Gordon and Mr Humphries for their assistance on the day.

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator



From the Principal



Catholic Education Week – Raising Hearts and Minds

Catholic Education Week is being celebrated in South Australia this week from May 9-15, 2022 (Week 2, Term 2). Catholic Education Week is about education – celebrating quality teaching and learning across Catholic Education SA.

Schools across South Australia see Catholic Education Week this year as an opportunity to:

- Celebrate the excellent teaching and learning that happens in our school every day;
- Thank the people that make our schools special and work hard Raising Hearts and Minds; and
- Celebrate with the recipients of the inaugural Catholic Education Awards.

At Tenison Woods College staff are committed to ensuring that students richly experience our way of being at the College where:

- Every learner has a place.
- Every learner has a pathway.
- Every learner will shine.

This is our challenge and our celebration.

Within this way of being a College Family we understand that we are all learners and all teachers, where the dignity and agency of all is of paramount importance.

I trust that through our information evenings at Naracoorte and Mount Gambier, as well as the Principal Tours this week, visitors have also learned how the Tenison Woods College family raises hearts and minds of all who are committed to our community.

*Loving God,
Guide us to know life in its fullness, to raise
our hearts and minds to know God's love.
Raise our hearts and minds to be inspired
by Jesus, the Catholic faith and tradition.
Raise our hearts to be loving,
compassionate and respectful.
Raise our minds to be inquisitive,
capable and seek truth.
May we be aware of listening to the stirring
of our hearts to prompt action.
Guide us to respond to the needs of others
and all of God's creation.
In all our thoughts, words, and actions,
help us raise our hearts and minds
in creating the world you desire.
Loving God hear our prayer
Amen*

Attendance – The First Step – Duty of Care

The way Tenison Woods College cares for each learner commences with its diligence in relation to school attendance. That is not only because each child or adolescent matters unequivocally, but also because the College has a significant legal obligation to accurately record student attendance. As such our collaborative approach with carers and parents in relation to this issue is foundational to our partnership.

If a student is absent, parents/carers are asked to either,

- (1) call the absentee phone line 8724 4659 and leave a message
or
 - (2) send a text message to 0429134568
or
 - (3) provide an email to their Pastoral Care teacher stating your child's name, their homegroup, and the reason they are away for the day.
- Students must sign in at the school office using the Kiosk (R-6 at the Front Office, 7-9 Middle School Student Office & 10-12 at the Pam Ronan Centre) if they arrive at school after 8.45am.
 - If a student needs to leave early, parent communication to the College is required to confirm arrangements, prior to signing out at the Kiosk.
 - If a student is to be absent from school for a one-week period or more, a pre-arranged exemption form is to be completed and forwarded to the Principal for approval.

- An SMS will be sent from (0429 134 568) if a parental call has not been made to confirm absence and to provide an opportunity to confirm a reason for a students' absence.

HHDL Four Point Plan

I reiterate the settings for schools in South Australia, which will complement our continuing deliberate and careful HHDL Strategy in Term 2.

1. Masks will continue to be required to be worn by Year 7-12 students, staff and adults indoors. Masks are also strongly encouraged for Years 3-6 students.
2. Asymptomatic close contacts will no longer be required to quarantine. They will instead be required to take five Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) over seven days and wear a mask when leaving home. To access free RATs, close contacts must register [here](#) and nominate on the form the collection point from which they will collect a free pack of RATs.
3. Close contacts who develop symptoms are still required to get a PCR test and isolate until a negative result is received.
4. Parents are permitted to enter school grounds and classrooms. Although parent meetings/events may generally resume as usual, schools should continue to hold parent meetings/events online where this can reasonably occur (such as for most parent teacher interviews).

I thank you in anticipation for your attention to the HHDL Four Point Plan; good Health, good Hygiene and hand washing, good Distancing and care for others and good Learning regardless of student location.

During Term 2, the health and wellbeing of students, families and staff remain our priority. We will continue to ensure that our school is a safe environment, maintaining the additional cleaning regime, which was commenced in 2020, accentuating natural ventilation, minimising movement and visitors within the school, and maintaining Sub-school delineation as much as is possible to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission across the College community.

Masks on Buses

We reiterate to families the expectation that Year 7-12 students wear protective masks on buses. Younger children are encouraged to wear masks to offer optimum protection in the confined bus space.

Need a tutor? Studiosity is our free online tutoring service

I remind families that students of Tenison Woods College in Years 7-12 have access to a free online tutoring service. Students are able to connect to expert tutors for live, one-to-one conversations about homework, assignments and exam preparation from 3:00pm – 10:00pm Monday to Friday. Give it a try – I know you will appreciate the service offered by Studiosity!

Food Allergy Awareness – awareness, avoidance, and action

Living with the risk of a severe allergic reaction, or anaphylaxis, takes planning, diligence and clear communication. At Tenison Woods College we believe that our community has a significant role in supporting those who live with the risk, so that through awareness, education and training they and their families can lead normal, healthy lives.

The website *Allergy Facts* offers support for individuals, parents and carers of people living with this risk, supporting the critical more personalised treatment and care. Please access it [here](#). We encourage anyone who suspects they may have an allergy or those who have already been diagnosed to consult their allergist, immunologist, paediatrician or GP for personalised treatment and care. This includes regular follow-up so that they can access up to date information on managing their risk of anaphylaxis and communicating that information to our staff so that our community can support them in the best possible way.

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 2022 for a deduction to be made.

EY-12 Staff Professional Development Days – 9 and 10 June

Early Years to Year 12 Staff are looking forward to the staff professional development days Thursday 9 and Friday 10 June, when they will devote time to literacy experiences in the Junior School, Integrated curriculum in the Middle School, Student Agency in the Senior School, as well as evolving further our wellbeing approach at the school, focusing on our response to attachment issues and trauma. Early Learning Centre Staff will devote time to their significant whole staff inquiry in relation to communication with parents, in addition to the College's wellbeing focus. Education Support Officers will

also be involved in the two days, which will additionally offer all staff the opportunity to refine their SEQTA Learning Management skills.

I remind families that these days are student-free days for the ELCC and R-12 students.

God Bless,
David Mezinec | Principal

CIM Team News



Mother's Day

We hope all the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and special women who play a significant role in the lives of our students had a wonderful day on Sunday.

We pray for our mothers and those who are like mothers to us – our grandmothers, our aunts, our sisters, our teachers, and our friends. We remember our mothers who are with us today, those who cannot be here or are not in our lives, and those who have died and are with God. Through the love, care, and protection they show for us, mothers help us to understand more of what God is like.

Mothers often show us the way when we feel like we are in the darkness.

Mothers are God's special people. They bring us strength and comfort.

Mothers can cheer us up when we are feeling down. Mothers help to nourish us, care for us, and keep us healthy.

Mothers want us to learn and grow by helping us with our work and reading stories to us.

Mothers have big hearts to hold all the love they have for us even when we make things tough for them.

Lord our God, who listens to the humblest of voices, hear the prayers we bring to you today.

*God of love, bless our mothers with peace and happiness we pray,
Hold our mothers close to you.*

*God of love, bless our mothers with laughter and joy we pray,
Hold our mothers close to you.*

*God of love, bless our mothers with good health and love we pray,
Hold our mothers close to you.*

*God of love, keep our mothers free of heartache, hurt and sorrow we pray,
Hold our mothers close to you.*

*God of love, watch over our mothers who are not with us we pray,
Hold our mothers close to you.*

*Loving God, with hope and faith we ask you to accept the prayers we make to you.
Amen.*

May is the month of Mary

For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue, a picture or some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue. She was the first disciple, and we hear of her triumphant "yes" to be the mother of Jesus. Mary is a model of discipleship and holiness for us all. Use your Mary focus during May to regularly pray Marian prayers such as the Hail Mary, The Holy Rosary, or the Angelus. Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and she cares for all of us, day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters.

Faith Facts

Do you know the answer to this week's question? Find out the answer in next



Gospel of the Liturgical Year: Luke – the World of Luke

This year, the gospel used within liturgical celebrations is Luke. There are some seasons of the liturgical year, like Easter, where Luke's Gospel is often used. Across this term, I invite you to engage with Luke's Gospel, just as our students

do each week during prayer. Our students are learning to interpret Scripture in their Religious Education lessons to make meaning of these passages for the modern world they live in. One way to explore these is to first consider the world of the author. Over the next few weeks, I will provide some snapshots of the world of Luke the evangelist.

Luke's Gospel was written in approximately 80 CE, some 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. The author of Luke's Gospel is also attributed to having written the Acts of the Apostles. The Gospel was originally written in Greek for an audience predominately made up of Gentile Christians – someone who did not practice Jewish religious traditions before becoming a Christian. It is likely that this Gospel was written in and around the area of Antioch, located in modern day Turkey.

Term 2 Masses in the College Chapel

After not being able to gather as year levels indoors throughout Term 1, we are excited to be able to return to holding masses each week for year levels within the College community. Mass is celebrated each Thursday of the term and is led by a different class or year level each week. Mass begins at 9:15am in the College Chapel. Until further notice, due to current restrictions, only staff members and students of the College are permitted to attend.

The roster for Term 2 Masses:

Week 2	Thursday 12 May – Year 6
Week 3	Thursday 19 May – Year 10
Week 4	Thursday 26 May – Year 12
Week 5	Thursday 2 June – Year 8
Week 6	No Mass – Student Free Day
Week 7	Thursday 16 June – Year 9
Week 8	Whole School Mass
Week 9	Thursday 30 June – Year 11
Week 10	Thursday 7 July – Year 7

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator

Key Dates

Wednesday 11 May

- 2023 Year 7 Middle School Information Evening - 7:00pm in the Pam Ronan Centre, Tenison Woods College (enter via White Avenue)

Friday 13 May

- SAPSASA District Golf Day
- Years 3-6 Assembly
- R-2 Assembly

Monday 16 May

- Year 8 Surf Camp - 16 May - 17 May
- NAPLAN - Monday-Friday



Project Recology Gifts for Mother's Day

During Term 1 and 2, Project Recology has teamed up with the Year 5 classes to learn about waste, recycling and what we can achieve within the College. Students decided to make fridge magnets for Mother's Day from recycled material, which they sorted, shredded and pressed into a large sheet.

It was great to see the student's perceptions of waste change when they could see the beautiful items that they could easily make out of it! Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our community from the Project Recology Team!

Tom Linnell | Early Years to Year 12 Sustainability Coordinator

NAPLAN

As previously advised students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 will be undertaking four NAPLAN tests during Weeks 2 and 3 of this term. Please avoid making any external appointments during this time for your child.

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learnt 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 advise them to simply do the best they can on the day.

If you are new to the testing, demonstration tests are available [here](#) if you wish to increase your familiarity with the type of questions asked. Any concerns or questions should be directed to your child's Home Group teacher or directly to me as Online Assessment Coordinator. lloyd@tenison.catholic.edu.au

Chris Lloyd | Teacher Librarian / CIM 7-9 Leader / Online Assessment Coordinator



Perm-a-Pleat Shop News

We say farewell to Susan Button and Natalie Chiesa after 3.5 years of offering their wonderful expertise to our College Community at our onsite Uniform Shop. We thank them for their dedicated, family-centred, proactive service and wish them the best of luck in their next chapter in life.

We also warmly welcome our new Uniform Shop staff, Kylie Watson and Alana Creek, who have now started their new roles, continuing the dedicated commitment to our College families.

Be sure to stop by to say Hi to Kylie and Alana!

The Uniform Shop is now open each Wednesday in addition to Tuesday and Thursday. The opening hours are as follows:

Tuesdays	8:00AM to 12:00pm
Wednesdays	8:00AM to 12:00pm
Thursdays	12:30PM to 4:30pm

Perm-A-Pleat Uniform Shop



Old Scholar Selected for Australian Netball Squad

Congratulations to 2021 Year 12 Graduate, Lucy Denton, who has been selected in the 2022/23 19 and Under Australian Netball Squad!

Lucy's selection follows her impressive performances at the National Netball Championships in Hobart last week. Lucy will participate in training camps later this year with Netball Australia, developing on and off court skills and experiencing elite match-day exposure.

View the full squad list [here](#).

Well done, Lucy!



GRIP Leadership Conference

On Tuesday 10 May, Year 6 Student Leaders, Founder Leaders, Junior School Music Leaders and Year 4 STAR Representatives (Year 3 & Year 5 students had NAPLAN) attended the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre for the Annual GRIP Leadership Conference. While attending the GRIP Conference, the students were learning how to enact actions and build on student ideas to make Tenison Woods College an even better place to learn and be a part of. Students were stretched and encouraged to STEP UP by getting onto stage and perform tasks in front of 400 students from around the South East. Tasks included posing as emoji's, karaoke and dancing.

All students enjoyed the day and learnt many wonderful skills to improve and enhance their Leadership by utilising student voice, student agency and student ideas.

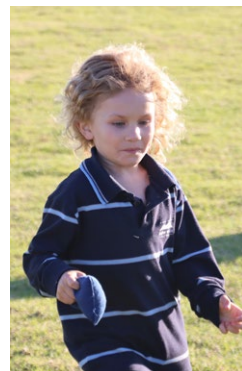


ELCC Join Year 11 Buddies for an Easter Egg Hunt

As a part of the Year 11 and Early Learning Community Centre Kindergarten buddy program the Early Year children are enjoying developing friendships with their buddies. Recently they shared the joy of collecting Easter Eggs together at Marist Park



Auskick Commences



2023 Year 7 Middle School Information Evening Mount Gambier

TONIGHT

Wednesday 11 May,
2022, 7:00pm.
Tenison Woods College,
Mount Gambier

We invite all prospective 2023 Year 7 students and families to join us at our Mount Gambier information night. Meet the Head of Middle School, Mr. Nick Patzel, key staff, as well as hear from current students attending the College and see for yourself what our College has to offer.

At Tenison Woods College, every learner has a place, every learner has a pathway and every learner will shine. This is supported by our new curriculum opportunities, in our newly developed Middle School, the Gilap Wanga Learning Community.



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2022
Charity Ball

Friday 3 June
7:00pm - 11:30pm
City Hall, Main Corner, Mount Gambier

Dress Code: Smart Casual / Cocktail

Raising funds for Timor-Leste



Tickets on sale soon!
Information will be
provided via EdSmart

Join our Australian of the Year panel for an impactful conversation.

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2022

Limestone Coast
18 – 20 May 2022

Wednesday 18th May
Naracoorte Town Hall – 1.00pm

Thursday 19th May
Mt. Gambier, Tenison Woods College – 5.15pm

Friday 20th May
Mt Gambier, University of SA and TAFE – 9.30am and 11.00am

Australian of the Year
tour of HONOUR

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



Monique Bareham | Mark Le Messurier | Bernie Shakeshaft | Dr Trudy Lin | Professor Helen Marshall AM

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