

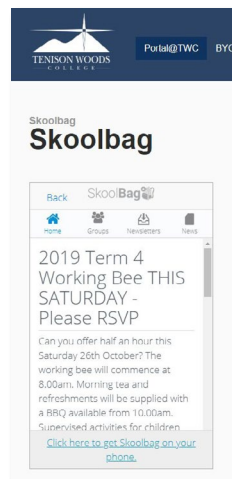
Weekly Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2019 | WEEK 2, TERM 4

Working Bee This Saturday 8:00am until 12:00pm - Please RSVP



Can you offer half an hour this Saturday 26 October? During the Working Bee we are looking to revitalise Junior School and Middle School play areas by barking, planting, face-lift painting the play equipment and carrying out other forms of maintenance. We will also be barking and painting the outdoor garden section of the ELCC which will ensure the appeal and longevity of the equipment, as well as the appeal of the spaces. We'd love as much help as you can offer – any time you could spare would be appreciated.



Please bring any gardening equipment you think could be of use: gloves, shovel, rake, wheelbarrow, even your ute. The working bee will commence at 8.00am. Morning tea and refreshments will be supplied with a BBQ available from 10.00am. Supervised activities for children will be available.

For those able to assist on the day we ask that you please complete the online form. Visit the Skoolbag App on your phone, or access the form via the Portal@TWC: <https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/portaltwc/categories/skoolbag/skoolbag>. Alternatively, you can email Business Manager, Neal Turley turln@tenison.catholic.edu.au and please specify which timeslot you are able to assist us with. Thank you in advance.

David Mezinac | Principal

From The Principal



AR19 – Our Challenge and Our Celebration

This week we approach two very significant days. On Thursday afternoon and Friday, which is our student free Show Day, we will conduct our Tenison Woods College Staff Conference, AR19, (Action Research 2019), which will be a celebration of action research conducted in 2019 by teachers and co-educators in the learning environments of Tenison Woods College.

At this time of the Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) Living, Learning, Leading Framework, AR19 is a commitment to continue reflecting on our craft as Catholic educators, who aspire to enable each and every learner at Tenison Woods College to shine, with all the deep reflection, critique, collaboration, humility, professional frailty and wonderful communal success that such whole staff endeavour brings.

Celebrating our Year 12 Students

We will formally acknowledge the rite of passage for our Year 12 students and wish them well for the next critical stage of their learning journey at our assembly on Thursday morning.

Parents are warmly invited to attend the Assembly for our 2019 Year 12 students, celebrating their journey and to wish them the best of luck as they prepare for their exams. The Assembly will be held Thursday 24 October at 9.30 am in the Barrie Holmes Stadium. It would be wonderful if parents could join us for the Assembly, as this will be a great opportunity to participate in some of the events the Year 12 students will be involved in.

I wish the Year 12 Class of 2019 all the best at this significant stage of their learning, and trust that the extra effort that they offer during this period will be appropriately rewarded with individual success.

Transforming The Pines

We are very pleased that Dycer Constructions will be completing the work on the new Pines Precinct. Dycer's have a long association with the College and we look forward to their continued excellent efforts in this significant preliminary stage of our master plan.

With the commencement of the next phase of the construction at the rear of the College, there continue to be unavoidable disruptions to car parking and road usage in the College grounds. Navigation of the car park at the rear of the Moorak/Thomas Ryan Building will be restricted to one way only. Vehicles will only be able to enter this car park via the White Avenue driveway. Cars entering via Shepherdson Road will only be able to drop students off outside of the Music building and then exit again via Shepherdson Road.



From The Principal *continued...*

In amongst the busyness of concluding the year, term four will also be coloured by classroom transitions that are required to ensure the new Pines Precinct will be ready for 28 January, 2020.

Key milestones for the next two weeks will include:

WEEK 3

Wed. 30 October Poplars temporary class location shift.
Thurs. 31 October Internals and external removals from Poplars.
Fri. 1 November Demolition of Poplars Staff Area Portable.

WEEK 4

Mon. 4 November – Four Poplars portables removed and placed in the new
Fri. 8 November Pines Precinct. Playground will remain for use by Poplars students until later in the year.

Student Absences

I remind families of the importance of notifying the school of planned absences such as holidays. Exemption forms are required for any absences over 5 days. Please phone the front office, who can assist you with the correct form depending on your situation. Forms can be then emailed to you, or hard copies collected.

Key dates for the commencement of 2020:

A full list of 2020 key dates will follow soon, but to assist with planning I inform our College community of dates to commence the academic year:

Wednesday 22 January 2020	All Teaching Staff commence
Friday 24 January 2020	Book collection day
Monday 27 January 2020	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 28 January 2020	Reception, Years 6, 8, 10, 11, 12 commence term 1.
Wednesday 29 January 2020	All other students commence term 1.

You will note the staggered start to the commencement of the year for students. This approach will assist students in the identified year levels to complete the best possible transition processes with the relevant teaching and support staff. We also look forward to preparing transition programs that will accentuate our relationship with parents and carers in the support of student learning and wellbeing.

Shining Light Awards & Reunion – This Saturday

This Saturday at The Commodore on the Park, we welcome Friends of Tenison Woods College; past scholars, parents of former scholars, past and current staff members, in fact anyone who is proud to be or have been associated with Catholic education in the Mount Gambier.

We look forward to celebrating our 2019 Shining Lights and celebrate the contributions of the following Shining Light Recipients:

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

Thank you to those who have purchased their tickets, I look forward to this wonderful evening on Saturday.

School Banking Survey

Recently the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) announced a review of school banking programs. ASIC has announced that it is seeking the public's views of school banking programs to help inform its review. ASIC would like to hear from you. Please find a link to the survey here: <https://asic.gov.au/regulatory-resources/find-a-document/consultation-papers/cp-323-review-of-school-banking-programs/>
The consultation period closes on 31 October, 2019.

Nut and Allergens Awareness Policy

As we commence Term 4 I remind families of our Nut and Allergens Awareness Policy that is concerned with the whole school approach to the health care and management of those members of the Tenison Woods College community who suffer from specific allergies.

The Policy, which can be viewed on our website: https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/files/d/44251073/W_Nuts_and_Allergens_Awareness_2019.pdf is based on the College position not to guarantee a completely nut and allergen free environment, rather to minimise the risk of exposure, encourage self-responsibility and plan for effective response to possible emergencies.

The College recognises that a number of students and staff suffer from potentially life-threatening allergies to certain foods or toxins. The College

seeks the support of students, staff and parents in maintaining a minimised risk environment whilst at the same time ensuring we provide an effective response to potential anaphylactic situations.

Current medical advice from immunologists suggest that, in nut-free environments, allergic children and families run a real risk of letting their guard down and thinking they are in a totally safe environment. The College is aware of the stresses imposed on students, parents, care-givers and staff when having a student who suffers allergic reactions in their care. Therefore, the provision of procedures and systems to effectively manage such stress is also the aim of this policy.

The Nut and Allergens Awareness Policy accentuates the responsibilities of parents, students, staff and College Leadership. As Principal, where the safety of each individual community member is of paramount importance to me, I take my responsibilities seriously and look forward to: regularly reminding parents of the 'Nut and Allergens Awareness Policy' in the newsletter; reviewing this policy on a regular basis; and ensuring current medical information is available to staff.

God Bless

David Mezinac | Principal



From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

Television Viewing

Every once in a while programs come up on television that focus on issues for young people and it is good for parents to be alerted to them and to have some guidelines to support their teenagers if needed. The Hunting which recently aired on SBS 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, so as parents it would be beneficial to be prepared and if possible watch this with your teenager. If your teenager wishes to watch the program it would 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 and I will give you 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 counsellors: Mairead Mackle and Laura Herbert.

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

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal – Student and Staff Development



CIM Team News

Movie Screening of Unplanned

The Mount Gambier Catholic Parish are hosting a screening of the movie Unplanned on Monday 4 November at 6:30pm at the Oatmill Cinema. The film is based on the true-story of a young woman who takes a job in an Abortion clinic in the USA. The movie presents her story and some of the things she comes to realise about the clinic and the industry. For the movie to be shown in Mt Gambier 30 tickets need to be sold by 10am on Friday 25 October, so please go online and buy a ticket now.

https://fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-oatmill-cinemas-mount-gambier/?fbclid=IwAR1N-zI2l0E1vKt8sCl8yxqQFZY8qe_nFKL5z3mJ26pecsCfG1lB-NhBM7k

For further information about the movie or the event please see the Mount Gambier Catholic Parish Facebook page.

Family Mass

The first Family Mass for Term 4 will be held at 11am on Sunday 27 October. This is an opportunity for the children to lead the singing and to read the readings and the prayers. We would love to hear from children who would like to be involved. Please contact Cisca at the parish office if you would like to sing or read. Families of the College are encouraged to attend this celebration.

Sacrament Program 2019-2020

Family Session A will take place on Thursday 31 October. Families enrolled in the program are required to attend either the 4:30m or 6:45pm sessions in the Tenison Woods College Staffroom.

Term 4 Masses at the College

All masses at the College are held in the Chapel at 9am on Thursdays unless stated otherwise. All are welcome to attend.

- Week 2 (Thursday 24 October) Year 12 farewell mass at 11am
- Week 3 (Thursday 31 October) Year 10
- Week 4 (Thursday 7 November) Year 11
- Week 5 (Thursday 14 November) Year 9
- Week 6 (Thursday 21 November) Year 8
- Week 7 (Thursday 28 November) **WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR MASS**
9:00am in Barrie Holmes Stadium
- Week 8 (Thursday 5 December) Year 6/7

Michelle Coote | APRIM – Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

Class Placements for 2020

Planning for 2020 classes has begun in both the Junior and Middle School. Staff give deep and careful consideration to the class placement of students, ensuring the best and most informed educational and wellbeing decisions are made. Junior and Middle Primary students should have received a note from class teachers regarding this process; please ensure that you discuss this with your child, sign and return the relevant section. Students currently in Years 8 and 9 will work with their home group teacher to identify and name those students who best support their learning at school.

If you feel there are exceptional and valid circumstances for your child that need to be considered, please address these in writing to Jill Rogers, Head of Junior School (R-5) at rogej@tenison.catholic.edu.au or Nick Patzel, Head of Middle School (Years 6-9) at patzn@tenison.catholic.edu.au by Friday 25 October 2019 (end of Week 2, Term 4).

Jill Rogers | Head of Junior School



Genevieve Bryant visits the College

On Monday this week we were fortunate to have a visit from Genevieve Bryant who is a Catholic singer, songwriter and youth minister from Melbourne. Gen is currently touring across the country in the lead up to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth in December where she will be a headline act. We were lucky enough to hear a new song she has written for the festival with Josh Angrisano. Gen has worked with names familiar to our school community such as Fr Rob Galea, Steve Angrisano and Matt Maher. She has also performed at previous Youth Festivals as well as World Youth Day in Poland.

She performed a highly engaging and energetic concert to our Middle School students. Gen also held a workshop with with a group of musicians and singers in leading liturgical celebrations both at school and within the parish. Gen spent some time getting to know the Tenison Woods College group who will be attending the Youth Festival in Perth later this year.



We would like to thank the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults in Adelaide in bringing Gen down here to connect with our students as part of her visit to the Archdiocese.

If you would like to listen to Gen's music, click here: <https://open.spotify.com/artist/15gOY0dfyGDLiEXbKDRKyt>

Chloe Shanahan | 10-12 Catholic Identity and Mission Co-ordinator



Purchasing additional 2018 College Yearbooks

If anybody would like to purchase an additional 2018 College Yearbook, the cost will be \$35.00.

Please contact the Front Office to place your order.

Tracey Davey | Enrolment Registrar/Office Manager



Engage with Asia

Over the Spring holidays, Chengsheng Sun and I were lucky enough to participate in the "Engage with Asia" Immersion Program in China. Together with 15 other teachers and principals from South Australian Catholic Schools, we visited the cities of Xian, Chengdu and Mt Emei. Through visiting, significant cultural and historic sights we learnt about the city of Xian and toured the Terracotta Warriors, the Xian Old City Wall, and the Wild Goose Pagoda. In the City of Chengdu, with the assistance of our Sister school hosts we visited Wuhou Temple, Du Fu Cottage, and Samantabhadra Temple in Mt Emei.

To read the full article please click [here](#).

Sharon Brodie | Mathematics Teacher and Year 8 Wellbeing Coordinator
Chengsheng SUN | Chinese Language Teacher

REMINDER: STUDENT FREE DAY - THIS FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER (Mount Gambier Show Friday)

Tenison Woods College OSHC will be open on Friday. For bookings phone Aleisha or Sharon on 8724 4633 or email: oshc@tenison.catholic.edu.au

Please visit the link for activities: <https://bit.ly/33W0wo9>





TerraCycle's Global Impact

Tenison Woods College is now a registered community drop off point for the Terra Cycle writing instruments recycling programme. We will be collecting:

- Pens, felt tips, highlighters, markers
- Mechanical pencils, correction tape and fluid pots, fountain pens, ink cartridges
- Glue sticks, rubbers, rulers, and pencils

All recycling donations are to be put in the small black wheelie bin in the Arts Staff Office. They will then be sorted by students and any acceptable products will be sent to Timor Leste as stationery packs, before the rest is sent to be recycled. Once items are received by Terra Cycle, they will then make a donation to a charity on our behalf.

Meghan Lynch | Teacher/Arts Learning Area Coordinator



Hats Term 4

Please be advised, the old style Tenison Woods College Hats will not be permitted from Term 4. If you wish to purchase a new hat, these are available from the Uniform Shop. Visit www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/uniform-shop for Online Orders, or call in and see the helpful staff. Hats are \$15 and are available for all year levels in two sizes.

Bruhn Literacy Tutoring

Bruhn Literacy Tutoring is a privately run tutoring business, which is conducted on site at Tenison Woods College during school hours. I specifically use the 'Cracking the ABC Code' tutoring program which is an evidence-based program, designed to rapidly improve reading and spelling for those struggling with literacy. Programs run for a varying number of weeks but generally no less than 20 weeks. Programs are mostly delivered to children in Years 1 to 5. I have 2 session times available for next term, which would ideally lead to continuing the program in 2020. The program does require substantial parent commitment and is \$50/session. If you would like to know more or have inquiries, please email me ASAP, at bruhp@tenison.catholic.edu.au or visit www.crackingtheabccode.com

Trish Bruhn | Teacher, Early Literacy Intervention Key Teacher, Cracking the ABC Code Tutor



Summer Uniform Reminders

HATS

As the current hats have been in circulation for 3 years now the old hats are no longer a part of the school uniform. Students will be now asked to leave the yard if the old hats are to be worn. Hats are available for \$15 for the uniform shop.

DRESS LENGTH

A reminder that dresses must be at knee length as per the uniform policy. We understand that students have grown over terms 2 & 3, however we ask that dress lengths are adjusted by the end of week 2.

SOCKS

Plain white 'crew' socks are to be worn for all female students ELC- Year 12 and male students ELC – Year 2. Plain grey 'crew' socks for our male students in Years 3-12. Please no logos.

Please visit The Uniform Shop link on our Website for all Uniform information and links to the Uniform Handbook www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/uniform-shop



Vinnies Fashion Parade - 8 November

Vinnies Mount Gambier in conjunction with Lions Club of Gambier City are holding a Fashion Parade at the RSL Bowling Club, Jubilee Hwy East.

To be held on 8 November. 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Admission \$10 per person, includes supper. Pre sold tickets only, available from Vinnies, Tenison Woods College or Gambier City Lions 0419 033 376. Bar Facilities (cash only). Models by Tenison Woods College students and staff, dressed by Vinnies. All proceeds to Vinnies Mount Gambier. Please click here for poster: https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/files/44964744/Vinnies_Fashion_Parade_Poster.pdf

Nada Brookes | APRIM Administration Assistant

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.

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

Register your details today, via our [website](#).



8/9 Knockout Tennis Round 1 winners

The Year 8/9 Girls Tennis Team competed in Round 1 of the 8/9 Knockout Tennis competition recently, which was held in Mount Gambier. The girls competed against Naracoorte High School, Grant High School and Mount Gambier High School in both doubles and singles tournaments, successfully winning all their matches. The girls will now progress through to play in Round 2 of the competition, which will be played later this term. Well done and good luck girls!

Tori McIntyre | Sports Administration Trainee



Green Triangle Forest Learning Pathway Program

The Ultimate Renewable Forest Learning Pathway Program is a partnership approach providing a unique opportunity for students to develop skills which support future pathways in this industry. The pathway program incorporates a range of classroom and field-based experiences.

In 2020, 15 places will be open for Year 10 students from across the region. Students will participate in an Industry Exploration program learning about the different aspects of the industry from seed to end product. Students undertake core modules from Nationally Recognised Industry courses as well as a range of industry led development opportunities. In Year 10, students will learn about wood science, genetic selections & cell structures, what makes a good tree, statistics and carbon footprint. They will also receive 20 Stage 1 SACE credits upon successful completion.

Please click [here](#) for an application form. For additional information, students and parents are encouraged to contact the College Sustainability Coordinator Tom Linnell via [email](mailto:linnt@tenison.catholic.edu.au) linnt@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

To read the full article please click [here](#).

Tom Linnell | Early Years to Year 12 Sustainability Coordinator



2020 Year 8 High Performance Sports Program (HPSP) Information Evening for Student-Athletes and Families

Tuesday 29 October

5.00pm - 5.30pm or 7.00pm - 7.30pm - Uniform fitting and ordering in the Common Room (Pam Ronan Centre – entrance off White Avenue)

Students and families are encouraged to come and try on samples of our uniform to ensure the student is correctly fitted for next year. On the evening there will be an order form available to either purchase on the night, or alternatively take home with you to purchase at a later date. All orders MUST be placed and paid no later than Tuesday 3 December to ensure stock arrives for the student for Term 1. If you are unable to attend this fitting and ordering session, feel free to contact me directly via email exelk@tenison.catholic.edu.au or call 8724 4621 to make a time which is more convenient for you and or your child.

FOR PARENT / CARERS:

5.30pm - 6.00pm - 2020 Information Session (Lecture Theatre located in the Pam Ronan Centre)

Parents please join us in the Lecture Theatre for an informative presentation. This session will provide an opportunity to learn more about the day to day activities, theory components, strength and conditioning, practical activities, expectations and also allow you to ask questions of the HPSP Team.

FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES:

5.30pm - 7.00pm - Student-Athlete Benchmarking (Barrie Holmes Stadium)

Students are to wear comfortable clothing, sneakers and bring a water bottle. Please label any personal items and remember to take personal belongings home with you after the session.

The sessions will be fun and engaging and will be facilitated by our High Performance Strength and Conditioning Specialist Coach Partners, NEXA Sport.

FOR EVERYONE:

6.00pm - 7.30pm - Family BBQ Dinner and 'Meet and Greet' Pam Ronan Centre (PRC) Courtyard

We invite all families to meet with us after the Information session for a casual BBQ dinner. This will be a great way to meet the HPSP team and ask any questions you may have.

Please RSVP with dietary requirements by Thursday 24 October via email on exelk@tenison.catholic.edu.au with the number of family members (parents and students) attending for catering purposes.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this evening on 8724 4621 or via email exelk@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

We look forward to meeting you all and encourage your attendance to this information evening.

Kate Exelby | Year 8-12 High Performance Sports Program Coordinator



Shining Light Awards

THIS WEEKEND - SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER

We are looking forward to celebrating our 2019 Shining Light Awards Night this 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

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



Traffic restrictions apply

With the commencement of the next phase of the construction at the back of the College, there will be unavoidable disruptions to car parking and navigation of the roads throughout the College.

Access to the car park at the rear of the Moorak/Thomas Ryan Building will be restricted to one way only. Vehicles will only be able to enter this car park via the White Avenue driveway. If you drive past the narrowing, please adhere to signage, identifying restrictions.

Cars entering via Shepherdson Road will only be able to drop students off as far as the outside of the Music building and then exit again via Shepherdson Road.

These restrictions will continue for Term 4 until further notice. Please exercise caution during this time. We apologise for any inconvenience caused, and aim to reduce disruption as soon as possible.

Neal Turley | Business Manager

Mount Gambier and District Tertiary Health Education Grants

Year 12 students who are applying for undergraduate health related courses at Universities with campuses located outside of Mount Gambier are encouraged to consider applying for the grants. The grants are available to support students with costs directly associated with their tertiary studies such as accommodation, text books, uniforms, materials, selection tests and technology needs. Applications from eligible students open mid-January and close on 31 March next year. More information, including the terms and conditions of the program, can be found at www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/THEG or by phoning the City of Mount Gambier on 8721 2555.



Community Noticeboard



Upcoming Events:

Thursday 24 October

- Last Day of Formal Classes for Year 12's
- Year 12 Breakfast, Assembly and Morning Tea for Families
- 12:30pm - Year 6 Swimming Lessons, Aquatic Centre
- 7:00pm - Thunder Drum Corps Performance, Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

Friday 25 October

- STUDENT FREE DAY
(Mt Gambier Show)

Saturday 26 October

- Mt Gambier Show
- 6:00pm - Youth Mass - Liturgy of the Word for Children, St Pauls Church
- Shining Light Awards

Sunday 27 October

- 11:00am - Family Mass, St Pauls Church

Monday 28 October

- Year 12 SWOT VAC/TUTORIAL Week
- 12:00pm - Year 8 Italian/Chinese Fusion Program - Language Incursion

Tuesday 29 October

- Year 12 SWOT VAC/TUTORIAL Week
- 11:45am - OneFortyOne Excursion, OneFortyOne Factory
- 5:30pm - 2020 HPSP Successful Student Information Evening, Lecture Theatre

Wednesday 30 October

- Year 12 SWOT VAC/TUTORIAL Week
- Year 9 Life Changer
- 11:45am - Year 10 OneFortyOne Excursion, OneFortyOne Factory
- P.A.R.T.Y Outreach Program
- 11:45am - OneFortyOne Excursion, OneFortyOne Factory

Canteen Roster - Week 3, Term 4

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. Thank you for your assistance.

Monday - Kate Pohlner

Tuesday - T.B.A

Wednesday - Kate Pohlner

Thursday - Lyn Wilson

Friday - Bernie Passauer

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

Uniform Shop

Regular Opening Hours:

Tuesday: 8.00am - 12.00pm

Thursday: 1.00pm - 5.00pm

A reminder that Students are required to wear their Summer Uniforms for Term 4. Hats must also be worn from the beginning of Term 4.

Contact Us:

E: thecollegeshop@tenison.catholic.edu.au

T: (08) 8724 4637

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

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