

Weekly Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2020 | WEEK 5, TERM 1

College Community Gathers For Beginning of Year Mass



On 20 February at 9:00am in the picturesque Marist Park, the College Community gathered together for our Annual Whole School Beginning of Year Mass. Father Dean was the celebrant of the mass and the community welcomed Father Sam who is the assistant Priest in the Mount Gambier Parish. Students were asked to bring a gold coin donation for the Bushfire Relief Fundraisers. Thank you to the families that joined us for this wonderful Mass. For more information about the fundraiser see page 4.



From The Principal

Lenten Season and Project Compassion – Give Lent 100%

This week's Shrove Tuesday pancake fundraising day and Ash Wednesday liturgies mark the start of Lent; the season in which we prepare for Easter.

Students are being encouraged in class to develop a communal action during the Lenten season to bring about change in our world. Fundraising throughout the six weeks of Lent will contribute to **Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Campaign**. Once again, this Lent **Caritas Australia** calls us to support **Project Compassion** under the theme of **Global Community – Go Further Together**. We're at a time of increasing global change and tense dialogue, so the idea of the 'common good' is more important than ever.

Supporting Project Compassion is a way we can proclaim the faith that is in our hearts and help our brothers and sisters in need. During Lent, we are invited to take up the call to fast, pray and give alms - in **solidarity** as a **global community**.

This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

As Saint Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love."

Through our generosity during Project Compassion this year, we are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Project Compassion champions this year the message: **Going Further Together**.

Caritas Australia continues its long-term development of people in need, a model of development that acknowledges human dignity, works towards sustainability and self-reliance, and brings about social change. I urge parents to discuss this issue with their children and reiterate the point that individuals can create a better world through their daily decisions and the commitment they display to improving the plight of others.

Welcome Father Sam - Father Saminathan Arockiasamy SDM

In this week's Mount Gambier Parish bulletin Father Sam, our new Assistant Priest wrote a message of introduction. I share it in our newsletter for your interest:

"This is Fr Saminathan Arockiasamy SDM. I prefer to be called Fr Sam. I am a member of the missionary order of the Society of De Mazenod (SDM), founded in India.

I started my earthly pilgrimage on 21 March, 1964 at Madurampet village in Tamil Nadu, India, as the sixth son of my parents



From The Principal *continued...*

namely, Mr. Arockia Samy and Mrs. Irudhaya Mary. My father was a railway employee and my mother was a housewife. I have 3 older brothers and a younger brother and an older sister and a younger sister. Our parents brought us up in a pious and holy way of life. All my brothers and sisters are married and are settled in their lives.

I was ordained a priest on 20 December, 2001. After my ordination I was appointed as an Assistant Priest in various parishes in different Dioceses. I too had the opportunity to render service in my Congregation as a Procurator, Vicar General, Counsellor and Novice Master.

I came to Australia to render my ministry in the Archdiocese of Adelaide in 2013. I was appointed as an Assistant Priest in Noarlunga Seaford and then the Salisbury Parish. Now, I am appointed as an Assistant Priest to help and support Fr. Dean in the Catholic parishes of Mount Gambier and Millicent.

I am very happy to work with you all and I'm looking forward to adjusting my life according to the new context I now find myself in. I am interested in cooking, reading, walking, listening to music and gardening. God has also gifted me to learn English, Telugu and Hindi as well as my native tongue, Tamil. All the experiences of my life give me hope and courage to become a great missionary."

Fr Sam

Athletics Carnivals – Excellence, Fun and Community Spirit

I congratulate staff, students and parents on the 8-12 Athletics Carnival held on Friday 24 February – another outstanding day of personal bests, SHINE-ing Bravely, fun and relationship building.

Can I also compliment our Sports Captains, Emily Dawe and Hugh Armfield, with the House Leaders, Ian Ross, Nick Kourmouzis, and the Health and Physical Education Team on a very well organised, engaging carnival. I furthermore look forward to the following carnivals:

R-2 Sports Day	Friday 6 March
Interschool Athletics Carnival	Wednesday 18 March
3-7 Sports Day	Friday 3 April

I extend a very warm welcome to parents, carers and family members to attend these carnivals to witness the athletics endeavours and also meet other families who are part of the College community. Catering will be provided at all the carnivals, so come to the College for a long lunch break from work commitments, enjoy the athletics and have a bite to eat at the same time.

Year 7 2021

As I indicated in our newsletter last week, a new beginning for Tenison Woods College starts in 2021.

I remind you that, as of 2021, our major intake of students to the secondary setting as part of our new Middle School of Tenison Woods College will be in Year 7. Our Middle School will consist of students in Years 7 to 9.

In 2021 we will also have a significant Year 8 intake, for the last time. Mary MacKillop Memorial School and Saint Anthony's School students are invited to join us at Year 7 in 2021 or wait until Year 8 2022, as determined best by their families.

In 2022 our major intake will be in Year 7, but there will be a place for Mary MacKillop Memorial School students and Saint Anthony's School students in 2022 if they choose to join us as Year 8 students.

Years 7 to 9 at Tenison Woods College will look different, feel different and be different.

Parent Course – Wellbeing and Resilience

What skills would you want your children to have most as they greet the opportunities and challenges of life?

Studies have shown that curiosity and grit are the two personal characteristics which are the most significant predictors of success in life; two critical traits that will make us grow into the people God is calling us to be. Furthermore, in these days of competing demands on our time and resources; the need to work through complex issues with our children, and the diversity of family structures, one of most valuable skills we can have is that of resilience.

In partnership with the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute, Tenison Woods College is developing a whole school community way of talking about, measuring and critiquing the resilience and wellbeing of our members. The project complements our current strong commitment to wellbeing and resilience through the variety of programs offered to students, families and staff, by giving us a common language and frame of reference through which to view the associated issues across our school community.

This year we are continuing our parent training course. The course will run for 5 consecutive weeks and a timing will be determined by the needs and availability of prospective participants.

Come along and learn some new skills, or refresh some old ones, in a friendly, non-threatening, social environment. For more information or to register your interest please contact Tania Sigley sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au

Parents as the First Educators

At Tenison Woods College we appreciate the importance of parents and carers as the first educators of their children, realising that all we do supports their efforts or assists them to exercise their influence with greater confidence. We are also seeing the importance of grandparents in the evolving family paradigm of our society and how they are impacting on the learning, wellbeing and faith formation of our students.

I have also said on many occasions that the greatest determinant of student success at Tenison Woods College is parent involvement in their child's learning and our learning community. The literature in the area of improving student achievement repeatedly indicates that parental attitudes and behaviors are the most significant variables. Interestingly, improving student achievement, according to the data, is not dependent on more money or smaller classes, but in the hands of parents, carers and school staff who play a critical role in their children's physical, social, moral and academic development.

With this in mind, I am delighted to see parents and carers becoming involved in a variety of opportunities in our learning community, such as literacy and numeracy information sessions, as well as parent class representatives. I am also thrilled to see staff teams across the school planning opportunities for parents to become increasingly involved in the learning of their young this year through some creative experiences and events. I encourage parents, grandparents and carers to accept the invitations that will be extended to them. Furthermore, I invite parents, grandparents and carers to contact me should you have ideas of how we could better involve parents, grandparents and carers in our community or support them as the first educators of our young.

Board Annual General Meeting

I remind parents and caregivers of the Annual General Meeting of the Tenison Woods College Board, which will be held Wednesday 25 March at 7:30pm in the Pam Ronan Centre. Information will be included in next weeks' newsletter regarding nominating to serve on the Board.

Drop in to the Sugarloaf Café

I am thrilled that the Sugarloaf Café is inviting parents to meet at the café to catch up over a coffee and their culinary delights. Come and try the café once you have dropped off your children in the morning or call in before you collect children at the end of the day. With a special area dedicated to adults, it's a great place to catch your breath, take a moment for yourself and meet other parents who enjoy great coffee!

God Bless,
David Mezinec | Principal



From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

I recently watched a very intriguing segment on ABC 7:30pm Report on Wednesday 19 February regarding the use of the app TikTok. TikTok is a video-sharing social networking service owned by ByteDance, a Beijing-based company. This app is promoted as a fun way to make and share small video clips among friends and those with similar interests. It is very popular amongst our students. While the concept itself sounds innocent enough the ABC program raised some disturbing points about the lack of controls on its distribution and also the amount of interference by the Chinese authorities. As with any social media, when used wisely, they are great fun and the source of hours of interest, however it is a timely reminder to not only be wary of our own social media activity but more importantly that of our children. As part of being an E-Smart school, Tenison Woods College has regular sessions for all students as part of the Pastoral Care curriculum, plus there is also information about the various sites and apps with guidelines for their use on our webpage. To access this information, please click [here](#).

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development



CIM Team News

Lent Begins

Shrove Tuesday

Yesterday, in preparation for the season of Lent which began today (Ash Wednesday), we celebrated Shrove Tuesday – or Pancake Day as it is commonly known. Almost 1000 pancakes were cooked and served with money raised being donated to Project Compassion. Traditionally, people used Shrove Tuesday to use up all of the luxury food items in their house in readiness to fast and to live simply during Lent. Special thanks goes to Mrs McCourt and her hospitality class for preparing the mix and Mr Edwards and Mrs Egan and their classes for cooking the pancakes.



Ash Wednesday

Today we marked the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday liturgies for all students from Early Learning to Year 12 and a mass for the Year 4/5 students. All staff and students were marked with an ash cross on their forehead as an outward sign of the inward changes we try to make as we journey towards Easter. We acknowledge that we all have things we can do to improve to grow closer to God through the Lenten themes of prayer, giving to others and going without things we do not need.

Project Compassion

During Lent students will be involved in fundraising for Project Compassion which is run by Caritas. Each week has themes and stories of people who have had their lives changed by the money that has been raised through this Lenten fundraiser in previous years. Each family should have received a Project Compassion box via the youngest member of their family and we encourage families to make donations into the box during Lent and then return it to Tenison Woods College by the end of the term. Families who did not receive a Project Compassion box and who would like one can collect them from either the Front Office or the Pam Ronan Centre Office or through your child's class teacher.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is a prayerful pilgrimage-type commemoration of the story of the events of Good Friday – Jesus' last day. Tenison Woods College students will be leading the Stations of the Cross at Saint Paul's Church on 2 Fridays during Lent. Please note the following dates and advise me at cootm@tenison.catholic.edu.au if your child/ren would like to be involved. All families and friends are encouraged to join us for both of these dates.

Friday 20 March at 6:15pm - Will be led by the Middle School and Senior School students.

Friday 27 March at 6:15pm - Will be re-enacted by the Junior School students.

Be My Witness Lenten Program

During Lent we extend a warm invitation for members of our school community to join a small faith sharing / discussion group on Tuesday evenings at Tenison Woods College from 7:00-8:30pm in the Staffroom. The scripture, prayer, reflection and discussion will centre around our daily lives and encourage us all to strengthen our personal relationship with Jesus. The program will be both video and leader facilitated. No religious background or affiliation is necessary as it will be a non-threatening discussion, open to those who have participated in discussion groups in the past as well as those who may be doing something like this for the first time. The first session will be on Tuesday 3 March and will run each Tuesday until the end of term. Parents, senior students and staff members are welcome to attend. To register your interest or to find out more, please contact me on 8724 4615 or via email at cootm@tenison.catholic.edu.au

Palm Sunday – Family Mass

This year, Palm Sunday is celebrated on 5 April. Family Mass is normally celebrated on the fourth Sunday, however due to the school holidays we will have it on Palm Sunday this year as we did in 2019. Please keep this date free as we would like to see as many children and families there as possible to begin Holy Week together.

Parish Mass

Mass is celebrated in the Tenison Woods College Chapel every Thursday at 9:00am during term time. Each week the mass is attended and led by a different year level.

All members of the community are invited to attend.

The roster for the coming weeks is:

Week 5 - Thursday 27 February – No Mass at Tenison Woods College

Week 6 - Thursday 5 March – Year 6/7

Week 7 - Thursday 12 March – Year 11

Week 8 - Thursday 19 March – Year 8

Week 9 - Thursday 26 March – Year 10

Week 10 - Thursday 2 April – Year 9

Michelle Coote | Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission



Student Uniform Tip of the Week

This week's uniform tips are:

- Dress Length – Must be at the knee
- White T-shirts – Must not be worn under shirts
- Socks - Both sport and school socks need to be 'crew' socks

Please refer to College the Uniform Booklet and Uniform Policy for further information.

Uniform Committee

The Uniform Committee is seeking a new member to the team, which meet once a term on a Thursday during the day in the Sugarloaf Café. If you are interested please email me at sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



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](#).



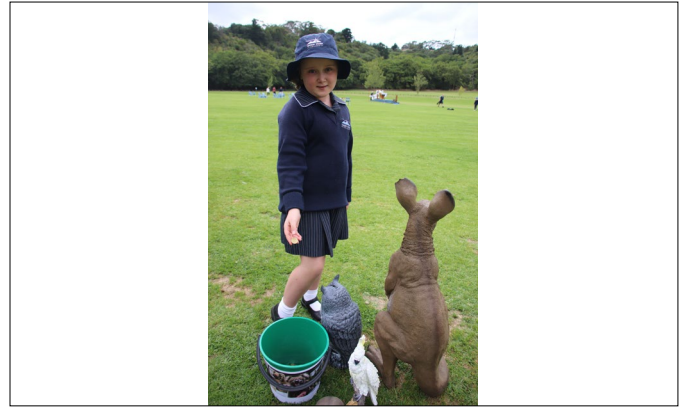
Open Boys and Girls Tennis Success

Both the Open Boys and Girls Tennis teams won all their round robin games against three other local schools at Olympic Park on Tuesday 18 February. The teams played both doubles and singles, all to six games. The girls team had a late inclusion with Year 8 student Jess Stutley replacing the injured Emily Jolley. After discussion, all the girls wanted to play fourth position, they won a close match against Mount High by five games. Their other games were all comprehensive wins. Well done to Jess Stutley, Jorja Mitchell, Hayley Pearson and Tess Kenseley.

The boys team (pictured above) comprising of Mathis Herzog (our French exchange student), Ben Gaffney, George White and Noah Gazzard had three easy wins against the other schools. Their doubles play was particularly entertaining.

All students showed great enthusiasm, despite the inclement weather, and were impressive representatives for our school. Next step for the students is to play in Adelaide later this term.

Chris Lloyd | Teacher Librarian



Bushfire Relief Fundraising At Beginning of Year Mass

As we gathered for our Beginning of Year Mass at Marist Park last Thursday, students and staff were invited to bring a gold coin donation. As they arrived at Marist Park, they were able to make a choice for their donation between five buckets representing five areas of need after the devastating bushfires. Students had the option to donate to the Mount Gambier Hay Run, the South Australia Bushfire Garden Revival, Kingston SE Blaze Aid to help with fencing supplies, Vinnies Bushfire Appeal and the Kangaroo Island Wildlife Network. An impressive total of \$1014.60 has been raised so far. Thank you to Year 12 students Mitch Watt and Kate Telford for their assistance and thank you to those who donated.

"Never see a need without doing something about it"
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Chris Lloyd | Teacher Librarian



2021 Titans USA Basketball Tour

Expressions of interest are now being called for the 2021 Titans USA Basketball Tour for current Year 8-11 students (2021 Year 9-12 students).

The three-week tour is a once in a life-time experience for participants as they take part in a sight-seeing, cultural and basketball tour along the west coast of the United States of America. In what will be the 9th biennial tour, students will play basketball against various high school teams (including homestays), while also enjoying sightseeing experiences which could include Alcatraz Island, Fisherman's Wharf, Disneyland, California Adventure Park, Universal Studios, Grouse Mountain and did we mention they finish the trip with three days in Hawaii.

Our band of intrepid travellers will also experience the thrills of an NBA game, College basketball games, ice hockey, US College tour, a luau, and even a snow experience, plus a little bit of shopping (retail therapy).

For anyone interested in finding out more, please register your interest by emailing Tanya Thomson at thota@tenison.catholic.edu.au. Our first information session will be held on Wednesday 18 March at 6.00pm in the Pam Ronan Centre Lecture Theatre. Please ensure you have registered your interest prior to this meeting.

Tanya Thomson | Senior School Administration



Science Squad - The Great Egg Drop Challenge

Students across Reception to Year 5 in Science Squad were challenged with designing and creating a protective cover for eggs so that the eggs would not break when dropped from a height. The students were limited by the materials they could use which included sponges, bubble wrap, straws and balloons. The students all had very different designs, with some successfully protecting their egg, while other eggs ended up scrambled.

Next week in Science Squad we let the force of magnetism guide us to investigate magnets, including testing which materials are attracted to magnets, making a simple motor, pushing cars along without touching them, and making our own magnets for the fridge.

Students are encouraged to come to lab 603 at lunch time on:

- Wednesday 4 March (Reception to Year 2)
- Friday 6 March (Years 3 - 5)

I hope to see you there.

Vanessa Courtney | SACE Coordinator/Science Teacher



School Fee Discount Information

Families who are not eligible for any fee discounts (excluding sibling discounts) can receive a 5% discount off their tuition fees for the year if the full year's fees are paid in full by this Friday 28 February 2020.

If you would like to take advantage of this discount, please email me at accounts@tenison.catholic.edu.au to advise your intentions and confirm the amount of the payment required.

Fee statements will be posted out this week. Families who would like to pay their school fees on a payment plan should contact a member of our Finance Team on accounts@tenison.catholic.edu.au to obtain the information.

Families who do not have an arranged payment plan are required to have their school fees paid within 14 days of receipt the statement, unless other arrangements have already been made with the School Finance Team.

Leanne Hunt | Finance Assistant



Year 8/9 Boys Cricketers Through to the Next round

Congratulations to our talented Year 8/9 boys cricket team who have made a wonderful start to the 2020 T-20 cricket competition. Playing at Grant High School last Wednesday, the boys have successfully reached the next round against Unity College on 12 March by defeating both Grant High School and Millicent High School in a tri series carnival.

In the first match against Grant High School, the boys set a very competitive 85 from the reduced 18 overs, ably led by Captain Jed Sims, all-rounders Jack Lawrence, Jarod Kuhl and Fergus Moore who evenly contributed to create that defensible score

During second match Tenison Woods College batted first with a wonderful 32 runs from Jed Sims. He was well supported by Angus Clarke and Alex Walters who contributed to make an overall 82. Millicent competed well and the pressure was on our bowlers to get a break through. A big thank you to our sports trainee Nick Kourmouzis for being our team scorer. Well done boys, we look forward to our next round.

Ian Ross | 8-12 Sports Coordinator



We welcome you to the Parent Morning Tea

There will be a Parent Morning Tea held on Thursday 27 February in the Sugarloaf Café at 9:00am. This is an open invitation to all new and 'old' parents to come along and meet other parents, caregivers, grandparents etc and to share a cuppa.

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

Uniform Shop Opening Hours
Tues - 8:00am - 12:00pm
Thur - 1:00pm - 5:00pm



Darling Brando T Shirt Raffle

The Band, Darling Brando, who recently performed at the College kindly donated a signed t-shirt to be used for a bushfire relief raffle. Eh Parami Dee from Year 6 was the very happy winner of the raffle. A big thank you to the Middle School Faith in Action students who gave up their time at lunch to sell the tickets. A total of \$57 was raised.

Chris Lloyd | Teacher Librarian



Friends of Music Group

The Friends of Music are an enthusiastic group of parents and community members who meet once a month with the aim of working behind the scenes to support the music students. They help organise fundraisers, concerts and events. They enjoy working together to support the students. New members are always welcome, and our first meeting for the year is on Wednesday 4 March at 7:00pm in the Music Building.

For further information please contact either myself at creee@tenison.catholic.edu.au or our Chairperson Kathleen Finney at kafflight@hotmail.com.au. I hope to see you on 4 March!

Beth Creedy | Head of Music

Visit our Instagram Page

Every day exciting things are happening in and around the College. To follow the fun, check out our Instagram Page! [@tenisonwoodscollege](https://www.instagram.com/tenisonwoodscollege)

Year 8-12 Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all students, staff and enthusiastic family supporters with our 2020 Athletics carnival last week.

The students created a wonderful atmosphere down at Marist Park with vibrant and creative costumes coinciding with the TV Show and Movie Characters theme, high participation rates and fun and enjoyment in both the championship and novelty events, which were led by the Year 12 cohort.

The traditional House Spirit award was hard to award due to high levels of participation and seeing record attendance numbers, but Champagnat walked home with the braggers prize.

We started off the day with the progressive relays, with students from Reception to Year 12 competing against the athletic Staff Olympic team. This was followed by the newly introduced House chants, the lively street parade, and the drum corps.

Throughout the day, we witnessed many wonderful throws, jumps and sprints in the large variety of events for each age group. Congratulations to all Houses for their commitment to this day.

Special mention to the following students;

Fastest Male: Broc Linden

Fastest Female: Joey Jones

Con Brown Award: Jackson Bowden

Junior Athletics Champion: Sophie Wrightson

Senior Athletics Champion: Emily Dawe

Congratulations also goes to the following age group Champions:

U/14 – Male: Jack Latham

U/14 – Female: Bree Robinson

U/15 – Male: Anton Circelli

U/15 – Female: Sophie Wrightson

U/16 – Male: Thomas Bignell

U/16 – Female: Joey Jones

Open – Male: Matty Bennett

Open – Female: Emily Dawe

Overall house results were;

1st Woods – 3686

2nd Champagnat – 3524

3rd MacKillop – 3287

4th McAuley – 3095

A special shout out to Mr Dickson for his outstanding MC role, Hugh Armfield, Emily Dawe and Rosie van Eyk for their leadership, Maxience Williams for her outstanding rendition of the national anthem, all the Founder leaders for their engagement in the day, Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Mott and Ms Suggatte for their results recording, Mr Buckley for being Mr Buckley, our talented IT team, the Sugarloaf Café team, Mr Mezinec for running approximately 5 kilometres (without tearing a hamstring) by being involved in every staff event, sports trainee Nick Kourmouzis, and all of our fantastic staff for making the day function so smoothly and most importantly to all of our students.

See photo gallery from 8-12 Athletics Carnival later in the Newsletter.

Ian Ross | 8-12 Sports Coordinator



2020 Shining Lights - Nominations are now Open

Now who should be one of our 2020 Shining Lights?

Criteria and nomination forms are available on our website: https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/files/d/11778/Shining_Light_Award_Selection_Criteria_151015.pdf



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Upcoming Events:

Thursday 27 February

- 9:00am – Open Morning Tea for Parents, All Welcome, Sugarloaf Cafe

Friday 28 February

- 12:30pm – Clean-Up Australia Schools Day – R-12

Saturday 29 February

- 6:00pm – Mass, St Paul's Catholic Church

Sunday 1 March

- 11:00am – Mass, St Paul's Catholic Church

Monday 2 March

- Year 10 Outdoor Ed Camp (Maney), Warrnambool

Wednesday 4 March

- 6:30pm-7:30pm – Year 8 Maths Pathways Information Night, Lecture Theatre



Canteen Roster

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.

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

Week 5

Monday - Kate Pohlner

Tuesday - TBA

Wednesday - Marlene Dean

Thursday - Cassie Edwards

Friday - Bernie Passauer



2020 Canteen Pricelist

Please visit the website for the 2020 canteen pricelist or click [here](#)

Uniform Shop

Regular Opening Hours:

Tuesday: 8.00am - 12.00pm

Thursday: 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Shipment of
Woolen Jumpers
are now in stock!

A reminder that Students are required to wear their Summer Uniforms for Term 1. Hats must also be worn.

Contact Us:

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Community
Noticeboard



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

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

Photo Gallery - Whole School Mass

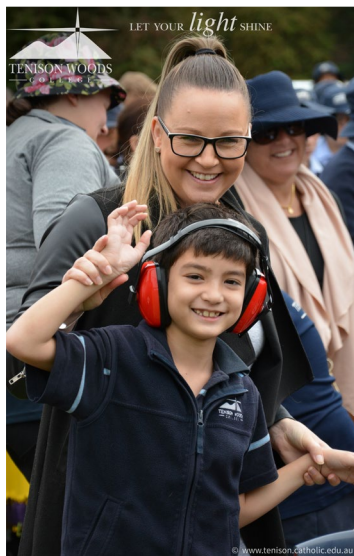


Photo Gallery - Year 8-12 Athletics Carnival



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