

Weekly Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 4 March 2020 | WEEK 6, TERM 1

Poplars Community gifted 22-Seater Sunshine Coach

Students and staff in Poplars were all smiles on Monday 2 March when a new 22-seater Sunshine Coach was donated by Variety Club SA.

Mr Don Aston, representing Variety Club South Australia, stated that the bus will be a gift that keeps on giving, assisting the 33 students in Poplars to take part in many extra curriculum activities outside of the classroom including camps and excursions.

The bus will help students to fully and actively connect with the community around them.

Poplars would like to thank Variety very much for their generous donation!



L-R: Students Hay Kler Moo and Cooper Hutchesson, Poplars Coordinator Natasha Davis, Variety Club representative Don Aston and Principal David Mezinec



L-R: Principal David Mezinec, Business Manager Neal Turley, Variety Club representative Don Aston and Poplars Coordinator Natasha Davis,



Students Jesse Gravestock and Cooper Hutchesson test out the new bus

From The Principal

Lent and our Ecology – Lives change when we think globally and act locally

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.

During this time of Lent we also express a commitment "to give up something" and forgo one, or some, of our usual pleasures as a commitment to personal discipline and renewal. This also leads one's thoughts to the question: "How could we give up some behaviours that are undermining our planet's ecology?"

At Tenison Woods College, our commitment to care for our planet is inspired by the hope that our young will learn to do the right thing for themselves, their families, our global community, now and for the future. It is important to realise that our commitment to ecological conversion and sustainability also expresses our Catholic identity to stand with the poorest in our society, walking tenderly and living justly for the benefit of our human family. Why do we say this? Because we know that often in situations where our planet is hurting, those affected most by this are the marginalised people, poor and those with least power to effect change. This therefore seems to me to be a wonderful area for further discussion, reflection, and renewed commitment during Lent.

As a school, we are working on "giving up" in a whole range of areas that are captured in the progress of the following initiatives:

- College Waste Management Facility to handle all forms of waste, recycling and reconstituting.
- Measuring and reducing power usage.
- Lighting replacement and efficiency monitoring.
- Solar power commitment and generation, to be off-grid by 2030.
- Paper usage reduction – continue our aspiration to reduce by 30%.
- TREES Innovation Academy



From The Principal *continued...*

Our commitment is to become a school site and organisational system that preferences the care for our planet in a very deliberate and nuanced way. We are tackling this very intentionally and enthusiastically during Lent, but this platform is a body of work that will continue to keep us busy this year and beyond.

So, I ask all families to consider the question: "What could we do better at home that helps us care for our planet?" As I move around the school, I look forward to having those conversations with students, parents and staff.

Poplars Inclusive Learning Centre

I am delighted to inform the College community that the Poplars Inclusive Learning Centre in the Gilap Wanga Learning Community was occupied as of Monday this week.

While there is still significant external equipment to be installed, external cladding to be completed, and the adjacent Year 8 and 9 classrooms will still be under construction, the internal areas are fully complete and functional. There is also external fencing that separates the new Poplars area from the rest of the building site to ensure safety and our duty of care for our Poplars children and adolescents.

So, there are many things for which we are grateful at the moment, but still several issues to navigate and bring to a final state, requiring our full presence, attention and care in the new Poplars Inclusive Learning Centre, within the Gilap Wanga Learning Community.

I apologise for the challenges created for Poplars families over the past five months while the new Poplars Centre has been created, and thank you for the cooperation in bringing this exciting new Poplars Centre to a reality.

In a couple of weeks, we will see Year 8 classes take possession of some rooms and gradually classroom allocations will revert to a more appropriate scenario, and then eventually by the end of term we will have a wonderful Gilap Wanga precinct for 300 students.

Sincere thanks to the College community for your patience, persistence and goodwill – it has been greatly appreciated.

Gilap Wanga - A new beginning

A new beginning for Tenison Woods College – it starts in 2021. 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 est 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 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.

Gilap Wanga - It is different

The Gilap Wanga Learning Community will be different. It's about your child and their learning pathway. Every child's learning pathway is different. Every child needs to be challenged differently.

You, your child and their teacher will personalise the learning pathway together. There will be a curriculum pattern, but it will be personalised, to ensure rigor, individual excellence and a well-rounded education so that your adolescent shines now and into the future.

The Gilap Wanga Learning Community will celebrate individuality, diversity and connection, enabling our young to thrive as capable leaders for the world God desires.

Tenison Woods College Hosting Harmony Day Celebrations

On Monday 23 March we will celebrate Harmony Day at Tenison Woods College from 11:00am to 12:00pm. This will be followed by the unveiling of the Great Wall of Cultures mural at the Migrant Resource Centre from 1:00pm.

Over the past few months, local artists Jeremy Levens and Sadiki Kamundele have brought the Migrant Resource Centre back fence facing the Railway Lands to life with their colourful artwork which celebrates the multiculturalism of Mount Gambier that helps make this city a great place to live. The Great Wall of Cultures mural has been attracting many positive comments

on social media and we are pleased with the reception it has been receiving. To view the poster please click [here](#).

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 at sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au

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 7:00pm in the Gilap Wanga Learning Community. Nominations are sought for people interested in serving on the Board this year. The associated correspondence is found [here](#).

Caring for One Another – Road Safety In Marist Park Area

I remind families of the importance to monitor their actions in the Marist Park area, which can be quite hazardous given the terrain and the less organised parking approach given the nature of the property. Please keep an eye out for one another as we enter and leave Marist Park.

God Bless,

David Mezinac | Principal



From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

With the heightened media discussion and alerts about the spread of the Coronavirus throughout the world, please take time to discuss hygiene precautions with your family members. This is not to scare them but rather to reinforce the need for correct infection control and to instil the idea that prevention is the key to staying healthy. Respiratory infections have the ability to spread easily via the transmission of germs through the air, carried on droplets. If dispersal of these droplets can be prevented then infection transmission can be reduced. Things to remind your children:

- Sneeze, blow nose or cough into a disposable tissue.
- If no tissue is used, sneeze or cough into your upper arm or sleeve, not your hands.
- Turn away from people when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands after coughing/sneezing/blowing nose.
- Wash hands before eating.
- If no access to soap and water use hand sanitizer (available in many classrooms and office areas).
- If your child is unwell please keep them home to avoid spreading infection.

If you have any concerns please contact your child's teacher or myself at sandj@tenison.catholic.edu.au

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development



CIM Team News

Project Compassion

All families should now have received a Project Compassion box to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Go Further Together".

As Pope Francis said, "The future does have a name... and its name is hope." Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is a prayerful pilgrimage 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 St Paul's Church on two Fridays during Lent. Please note the following dates and advise Michelle Coote 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 Middle School and Senior School students
- Friday 27 March at 6:15pm will be re-enacted by Junior School students

Family Mass

The next Family Mass will be held on Sunday 22 March at 11:00am at Saint Paul's Church, Penola Road Mount Gambier. This year, Palm Sunday is celebrated on 5 April. This is not a usual Family Mass date however we will still celebrate to mark the start of Holy Week.

Please contact myself or Cisca Teodoro at mgsacraments@bigpond.com if you would like to be involved as a singer or a reader.

Sacramental Information

The next session for children preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation will be held on Thursday 12 March in the Lecture Theatre at Tenison Woods College. All families enrolled in the current program are required to attend either the 4:30pm or the 6:45pm session.

Be My Witness Lenten Program

On Tuesday evenings during Lent we will be hosting a small faith sharing/discussion group at Tenison Woods College from 7:00pm-8.30pm in the Staffroom. The scripture, prayer, reflection and discussion will centre around our daily lives and the strengthening of our faith. The program will be partially video led and partially leader facilitated. The first session was held this week with a good number of attendees and will run each Tuesday until the end of term. Parents, senior students and staff members are welcome to attend. To join the group, which started this week, please contact me at cootm@tenison.catholic.edu.au

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.

- 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
- Week 11 Thursday 9 April - Holy Thursday, No Mass

Michelle Coote | Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission



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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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

Please refer to the College Uniform Booklet and Uniform Policy for further information, available on the College [website](#).

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



Y.E.L.P Excursion

At the Week 4 Enviro meeting, four leaders from Year 7 were selected by Mr. Linnell and Mr. Gannon to be the Environmental Leaders of the program. We were the four who were selected, being Gabe Jones, James Taylor, Isabelle Bidese and Laura Murdock. In week 5, we participated in the South East Y.E.L.P Program which involved an excursion to the Naracoorte Caves.

As soon as we arrived, we went into Blanche Cave, where there was a presentation. We were introduced to Vanessa who spoke to us about water in our landscape, pest animals and the impact they make. We also heard about coast and marine life and ways in which we can protect our coast and nesting birds.

We are incredibly excited to be a part of the Y.E.L.P team to help embed sustainable living into all areas of our lives.

Gabe Jones, James Taylor, Laura Murdock, Izzy Bidese | Year 7 Students



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](#).



Year 10 Construction Class Hard Work Pays Off

The 2019 Year 10 Concept-to-Construction class completed their course last year with great success. They were given instructions to design an outdoor table/seat that could be placed in the school. It needed to be able to last in the weather, be strong enough to seat six people, low maintenance and manufactured within the provided budget.

Once they had finalised their individual designs, students used our 3D-printer to create to-scale models. They then made a decision as a class on what design best suited the brief. The design they went with was powder coated to protect the table from rust. Planks were made from recycled plastic to outlast timber which also requires very little maintenance.

The goal was for the students to collaborate and work effectively in groups to complete three impressive tables which would be placed around the school. The quality of the tables is exceptional, which they are all very proud of. We are currently laser etching a label to be screwed to the tables with the students' names to recognise their success for many years to come.

Pictured above: Ryan Kuhl, Tom Button, Saxon Altschwager and Isaac Natrass

Brad Colliver | BET Coordinator



OSHC Donations Required

Can you help? The children in our Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) centre really enjoy construction and being creative! If you have some LEGO or Mobilo that is not being used at home, we would love it if you could donate it to OSHC. We are also looking for craft supplies, such as cardboard, scrapbooking items and fabric for our OSHC children. We would greatly appreciate any donations, which can be left in the front office.

Sarah Seebohm | Director of Out of School Hours Care



Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Tues - 8:00am - 12:00pm
Thur - 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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Colby Ind Shining In Canberra

We congratulate Year 6 student Colby Ind on his application for a scholarship to participate and be involved in the National Plastics Summit. Colby was chosen along with 14 other Cub Scouts across Australia.

The summit explored new ways of remanufacturing, which ultimately will create further employment and establish a wide understanding of how important recycling strategies are. Colby attended the summit in Canberra on Monday 2 March, where Prime Minister Scott Morrison also made an appearance. A big congratulations to Colby on such a significant achievement. A great example of shining bravely at Tenison Woods College!



Christopher Catalano Races to Second Place

Year 10 student Christopher Catalano, recently competed in the 'SEAC Twin Peaks Hill Climb' held in Port MacDonnell on 8 and 9 February. Despite going up against some experienced drivers, and being his first time ever competing in Motorsport, Christopher came second in the Junior age group, getting his time down to 1 minute and 8 seconds. Congratulations Christopher!

Nick Kourmouzis | Sports Trainee

Students to Represent Lower South East in SAPSASA Swimming

A big congratulations goes to the following students who gained a spot in the Lower South East SAPSASA swimming team which will compete in the State Championships in Adelaide on Friday 27 March:

- Mikayla Pearson
- Louise O'Callaghan
- Alex Hudson
- Henry Kentish
- Lachlan Moss
- Gabriel Strachan

I had the pleasure of helping out with the trials and all competitors did a great job. We wish you all the very best next month and well done on shining bravely.

Tina Opperman | Year 5 Teacher / R-7 Sports Coordinator



Clean Up Australia Schools Day

Clean Up Australia Schools Day on Friday 28 February was absolute rubbish as expected. In fact, there was over 200kgs of it. During Lesson 6, Junior School students paired with Middle and Senior School students to clean up together. They collaborated to clean not only the school grounds but also Malseed Park and Hastings Cuttingham Reserve.

Thank you to Senior and Middle Environmental Leaders and Future Enviros for helping to sort, weigh and document the collection. Congratulations to all students who participated in Clean Up Australia School's Day. The whole school worked together as one big team and as a result, the day was an outstanding success. Let's all continue to work together to keep Tenison Woods College, Mount Gambier and Australia clean.

Tom Linnell | Early Years to Year 12 Sustainability Coordinator



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



BLAST Cricket Success

The Reception and Year 1 students are having a wonderful time learning and brushing up on their cricket skills in the after school Blast Cricket Program. The students are playing mini games, learning how to bowl and bat and be part of a team. A big thank you goes to the Year 8 and Year 10 students who help setup the activities each week – Liam Turley, Sam Domaschensch, Rajat Pandey, Jared Kuhl – along with Jono Allcock from SACA.

It's wonderful to see the older students connect with the younger students of the school and share their skills.

Tina Opperman | Year 5 Teacher / R-7 Sports Coordinator



Reception - Year 2 Sports Day This Friday

Just a reminder that the 2020 Reception - Year 2 Sports Day will be held this Friday 6 March at the Junior School Oval.

Students will meet in their classrooms at 8:40am and at 8:50am will make their way down to the oval for a 9:00am start. The heats and novelty events will take place from 9:30am – 11:45am with the official closing at 11:50am. We are looking forward to a day full of participation and house spirit.

For more detailed information on the events of the day, please click [here](#).

Tina Opperman | Year 5 Teacher / R-7 Sports Coordinator

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 1. Hats must also be worn.

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Counsellor's Corner

How can we prepare children to thrive in a world where it's estimated that over 20 per cent of today's jobs won't exist in just five years' time? How do we prepare them for a work-life of multiple careers and job changes?

South African educator and author Nikki Bush believes that the future will belong to those who develop a broad range of personal capabilities rather than a narrow number of academic abilities. She has outlined five key personal factors that will help kids succeed in the future world of work. These are:

Creativity and innovation Love of learning

In a world where people working into their seventies and beyond will become common place, a degree of qualification obtained in the early twenties won't guarantee continued success. The future will require people to be in charge of their own learning and be willing to continually upskill. Continuous learners rather than those who close themselves off to new ideas and concepts will thrive in the future.

Resilience

Life doesn't unfold in a straight line. It never has, but the future of work will have more twists and curves than ever before. Kids will need to be resilient and flexible enough to cope with rapid workplace change and lack of security, as well as be able to manage risk to earning a living.

Self-knowledge

Personal knowledge of strengths, capabilities and talents has long been a skill that we've neglected to develop in kids. When the future is fluid and work continually changing, self-knowledge will become a passport to happiness and success.

Love of learning

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Teamwork

The ability for your child to work as part of a team both virtually and in the real world will be more important than ever in the future world of work. Even jobs that have an individual skill focus will require people to work cooperatively alongside each other.

Reassuringly, there is a great deal you can do as a parent to prepare your child to capitalise on the changing career and jobs landscape. Use these five personal factors for future success as a starting point as you ponder how to prepare your child to prosper in the age of disruptive change.

Adapted from article by Parenting Expert, Michael Grose.

Josie Ashby | Wellbeing Counsellor



Tess Wright On Track

Year 11 student Tess Wight has been selected to ride for the Under-17 girl's South Australian Junior Cycling Team! Tess was selected after her exceptional performances throughout 2019!

Tess will ride for the Under-17 South Australian team at the Australian Junior Track National Championships, in Brisbane in late March. Congratulations to Tess on her outstanding achievement!



Library Lover's Day Winners Rewarded with Morning Tea

The winners of the Library Lover's Day competition were presented with a morning tea on Wednesday 4 March, to acknowledge the success of their entries in the competition. Congratulations to Harry Sneath, Quinn Jennings, Charlotte Dixon, Banjo Morgan, Ella Swiggs, Maw Ri Thaw, Lila Foster and McKayla Maney on their outstanding achievement!



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 (today) 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 tonight!

Beth Creedy | Head of Music

Photo Gallery - Clean Up Australia Schools Day



Upcoming Events:

Friday 6 March

- 9:00am-12:00pm – R-2 Sports Day, Junior Oval
- 12:00pm-3:20pm – Year 10 PLP 1/2 Day, Session 2

Saturday 7 March

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

Sunday 8 March

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

Monday 9 March

- Adelaide Cup Public Holiday - No School

Wednesday 11 March

- 10:30am-1:30pm – SAPSASA Athletics Trials - Years 3-7



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 7

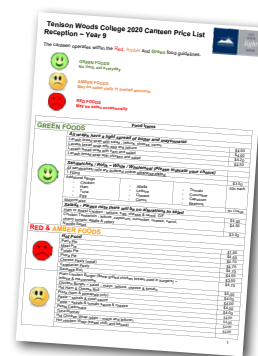
Monday - Long Weekend - No School

Tuesday - TBA

Wednesday - Lyn Wilson

Thursday - Sarah Cutting

Friday - Kate Pohlner



2020 Canteen Pricelist

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



Community
Noticeboard



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