

# Weekly Newsletter

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## Relay for Life Success



Last Friday night, Tenison Woods College participated in 'Relay for Life' at the Blue Lake Sports Park. The Relay for Life allows the community to celebrate local cancer survivors, patients and their carers, as well as honour and remember loved ones lost to cancer and to raise money to help save more lives.

An outstanding group of Year 12 students volunteered to take part, taking it in turns to walk and participate in activities, with the majority camping out for the night. The students also did a brilliant job donating their time and money toward fundraising.

See page 3 for more on this story, including the funds raised by the team.



## From The Principal

### COVID-19 and our response at Tenison Woods College

On the weekend all families received email correspondence from me in relation to the College's approach to COVID-19 (coronavirus). Monday you also received a letter from Jennie Sanderson, our Assistant Principal, Student and Staff Development, that clarified the range of non-essential events which we have cancelled, or the other events which will be modified to support the Government's aspiration for 'social distancing,' to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Tenison Woods College is taking this issue seriously, urging an alertness and careful attention to hygiene issues, within the context of a modified school program, as required, but at all times refraining from a panic approach.

As we do at all times, the care and respect for our students, their families, and staff as valued members of our community, will be the compass for our decisions going forward.

We will continue to communicate any emerging strategies as promptly as possible, and will discuss this issue with concerned parents and carers, as the need requires.

### Harmony Week - Everyone Belongs

This week we are acknowledging the gift of Australia's cultural diversity, where inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone are celebrated.

Harmony Week is celebrated this week around Australia and culminates on 21 March; the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Harmony Week is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and share what we have in common. The continuing message for Harmony Day in 2020 is that in the diversity of stories we all belong to and strengthen the identity of one Australia. We are all welcome as part of our country, enriching Australia by our story. It is also a day to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognising also the traditional owners of this land.

Ultimately Harmony Day is about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that have made Australia a great place to live.

On Thursday, Harmony Day, we are encouraging our community to wear a touch of orange to acknowledge the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. During the day our Student Leaders will be conducting a range of modified activities to celebrate the day.



## From The Principal *continued...*

On Friday 20 March we will acknowledge the National Day Against Bullying; a day which acknowledges the part we can all play in creating a harmonious, respectful community.

*May the God of Gentleness  
soften the tensions within us.  
The God of Power  
strengthen us.  
The God of Wisdom  
gift us with discerning minds and hearts.  
The God of Love  
teach us to be companions to each other. Amen*

### Board Annual General Meeting and a Taste of Gilap Wanga

I remind parents and caregivers of the Annual General Meeting of the Tenison Woods College Board, which, at this stage will be held Wednesday 25 March in the Gilap Wanga Learning Community.

It will give parents a taste of the type of learning community we are creating in preparation for 2021; our major intake of students in Year 7 to the secondary setting as part of our new Middle School of Tenison Woods College. 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.

So come along to the Annual General Meeting and enjoy the following:

- 6:30pm - Showcase of the industrial Bio Digester (Composter) at the College Waste Management Facility - Tom Linnell
- 6:45pm - Tour of the Poplars Inclusive Education Centre in the Gilap Wanga Learning Community – Natasha Davis and Alex Window
- 7:00pm - AGM Presentations:
  - Gilap Wanga Learning Approach for 2021 and beyond – Scott Dickson and Nick Patzel
  - ACYF 2019 Contingent - Chloe Shanahan and students
  - Communication in our College Community – Jessica Herring
  - 2019 Annual Report
  - Ratification of the 2020 Board

It promises to be a great night!

### Parent Course – Wellbeing and Resilience

Thank you to parents who have expressed interest in the parent training course.

Tania Sigley is organising the time and venue with people who have expressed interest. For more information or to register your interest please contact Tania Sigley at [sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

### Enrolment of Students

I am very pleased to see that the College is experiencing significant demand in relation to enrolments. To assist with our medium and long term planning, I encourage parents to lodge an enrolment form with the school as soon as they have decided to enrol their child at the school. For some families this decision is made very early in the newborn's life and contacting the school at this time, no matter how early it may seem, will assist us to plan in the best possible way for your child's experience of education in our College community. Should you wish to discuss this further please contact our College Registrar, Tracey Davey (tel. 8725 5455, or [davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au)).

### Need a tutor? Studiosity is our free online tutoring service

I remind families that students of Tenison Woods College in Years 8-12 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!

God Bless,

David Mezinac | Principal



## From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

### How to respond to your children about Coronavirus COVID-19

When a child has witnessed unsettling or distressing events or information through news and social media, it is entirely normal for them to experience much higher levels of distress than usual.

Depending on the impact of the information, the age of the child, and the supportive relationships they have prior to the event, their distress may be shown in all sorts of ways. This can include aches and pains, sleeplessness,

becoming snappy and withdrawn or not wanting to be separated from parents and other significant adults.

It can also be a trigger for memories of past traumas to reoccur as children may remember other times when they felt unsafe or insecure.

### When talking with your children:

- Respond calmly.
- Acknowledge their fears and make sure they know it is okay to ask questions.
- Outline what they can do to keep themselves safe both at home and at school.
- Explain that medical, scientific and public health experts around the world are constantly monitoring the situation in an effort to keep us all safe.
- With older children it is often harder because they raise the same questions that we are doing. A suggestion is you can use historical examples, such as the Second World War, to explain that bad things happen but we still go on.
- Answer questions directly but don't give more information than they are asking for.
- Keeping routines as normal as possible is best however gauge the mood of the moment.
- Limit the amount of exposure to the media and adult discussions.
- We need to give children hope and reassure them that they are safe.

The following clip is a great way to explain the virus to all ages, especially young children. [https://660919d3-b85b-43c3-a3ad-3de6a9d37099.filesusr.com/ugd/64c685\\_319c5acf38d34604b537ac9fae37fc80.pdf?fbclid=I-WAR1PQ2PffTC0Vd7Tr6LG16kFtUVzQ4UtJfsscwaerRPi9Kljt9l8O8lvoi8](https://660919d3-b85b-43c3-a3ad-3de6a9d37099.filesusr.com/ugd/64c685_319c5acf38d34604b537ac9fae37fc80.pdf?fbclid=I-WAR1PQ2PffTC0Vd7Tr6LG16kFtUVzQ4UtJfsscwaerRPi9Kljt9l8O8lvoi8)

If there are specific issues for your family and young people please feel free to contact one of our counsellors or myself at [sandj@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sandj@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development



## CIM Team News

### Project Compassion

Throughout Lent, students are focusing on the various communities that are assisted by Caritas through Project Compassion.

Project Compassion, Week 3, brings you the story of Barry, a Gamilaroi man originally from Western New South Wales. Barry is a father of four and he embodies resilience and strength. Growing up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family.

Barry, and others like him, were able to take part in a cultural healing program called Red Dust Healing. This program encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within, addressing family and personal relationships and what may have been life-long patterns of violence, abuse and neglect. Your support of Project Compassion can help build a brighter future for people like Barry through the Red Dust Healing Program.

Let's Go Further, Together! Please support the Project Compassion through the use of your Project Compassion box that has been sent home to all families and is to be returned to school at the end of term.

### Caritas K's and Casuals – Walk for Compassion

After holding our first Caritas K's and Casuals event in 2019, students and staff will again participate in 2020. This year's event will be held on Friday 20 March. **Please note the event has been modified and there will be no whole school gathering as previously planned.**

Students will be involved in a 'relay-style' walk event around the front oval from 10.00am to 3.00pm at staggered times throughout the day. The Caritas K's event highlights the amount of walking done in developing countries...to school, for water, to access health etc...

Staff and students are encouraged to seek donations/or sponsorship either in person or online. We would be encouraging online as this is an easy way to share the fundraising page and collect donations for Caritas and is tax deductible.

### To donate online:

1. Go to this link: <https://lent.caritas.org.au/tenison-woods-college>
2. Find your child's HOUSE TEAM and make a donation
3. Share the page with others so they can donate
4. Students can also bring in cash if people have donated to them in that way.

All students are asked to bring in a Gold Coin donation on the day if they choose to wear casual clothes.

Check [here](#) for the poster advertising this event.



### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is a prayerful pilgrimage-type commemoration of the story of the events of Good Friday. Tenison Woods College students will be leading the Stations of the Cross at St Paul's Church on 2 Fridays during Lent. Please note the following dates and advise Michelle Coote at [cootm@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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 27 March at 6:15pm - will be reenacted by the Junior School students.
- Friday 3 April at 6:15pm - will be led by the Middle School and Senior School students (please note the changed date from 20 March).

### Family Mass

The next Family Mass will be held on Sunday 22 March at 11:00am at St 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 [mgpsacraments@bigpond.com](mailto:mgpsacraments@bigpond.com) if you would like to be involved as a singer or a reader.

*Please note: Changes to the above will be advised as new information comes to hand regarding COVID-19*

### Parish Mass

Please note that a final mass for the term will be held at 9:00am tomorrow in the Chapel at Tenison Woods College. This will be attended by 8D only. Due to Coronavirus COVID-19 precautions, we will not be holding Year level masses or Year level liturgies in the Tenison Woods College Chapel for the remainder of this term.

**Michelle Coote** | Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

2020 AFTER SCHOOL STUDY CENTRE  
COMMON ROOM - PRC  
STARTING THURSDAY WEEK 9, FEBRUARY 13 - 3:30pm - 4:15pm  
THEN MONDAYS/TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS WEEK 10

**MONDAY:**  
RESEARCH PROJECT,  
CHEMISTRY  
MATHS, MUSIC AND ART

**TUESDAY:**  
ENGLISH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION,  
MATHS, MUSIC AND ART

**THURSDAY:**  
MATHS  
TECH STUDIES  
MUSIC AND  
EALD HOMEWORK CLUB

## After School Study Program

Tenison Woods College now offers an after-school study program which is being held every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30pm to 4:15pm. The program offers assistance to students in Years 8-12 in the subject areas of Chemistry, Research Project, Physical Education, Art, Music, English, Tech Studies and Mathematics. To view the roster of which teachers are assisting, please click [here](#). For any enquiries or further information please contact the Director of Learning, Scott Dickson at [dicksc@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dicksc@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

## NAPLAN 2020

NAPLAN testing for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be online this year, except for the Year 3 Writing test which will be completed on paper. Testing will be occurring over six school days from Tuesday 12 May (Week 3 Term 2). A timetable of class test times will be sent home early next term. Students will be having a practice test in their classrooms before the end of this term. All Year 9 students will be using their BYOD for the testing and will need to download the Lockdown Browser app on their device. This simple app ensures that they cannot access any other programs or internet sites while doing any of the tests. There is information about how to do this on the School BYOD web page.

All parents and carers are strongly encouraged to read the information [here](#) or visit the parent support site below, <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

To learn how ACARA handles personal information for NAPLAN, please read [here](#). Please contact your child's home group teacher or myself with any questions or concerns.

**Chris Lloyd** | 2020 NAPLAN Coordinator



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## Relay for Life

(Continued from Front Page). The event was a great success with Tenison Wood College raising a total of \$6,257.35 over 3 weeks for the Cancer Council, assisting the Limestone Coast's fundraising efforts of \$70,000.

We want to thank everyone who supported our Year 12 students through their efforts, including teachers, family members and friends. A big thank you is extended to Ally Tucker for her extensive work in organising our College students as well as Chris O'Callaghan and Elisa Lawrie who supervised the students overnight.

A huge thank you to the students on their great fundraising effort and participation, and we commend them on their brilliant representation of our school community while supporting such a worthy cause.

**Ruby Moore** | Year 12 Mission Leader



## Qkr! Payment App for School Canteen Available Monday 23 March

Tenison Woods College is proud to announce the introduction of Qkr! (pronounced - Quicker). Qkr! is a free mobile application that enables mobile payments for school-based accounts. Qkr! allows parents and carers of students at Tenison Woods College to use their smartphones to place School Canteen orders.

The cut off period for School Canteen orders is prior to 9:00am on the day you wish to order. Any orders received at or after 9:00am will not be processed for that day and will prompt you to select another day to order. Orders will be delivered to classrooms as per normal for Reception - Year 5. Year 6-9 Students do have the opportunity to purchase recess items online via the app, they will need to present themselves to the canteen to receive their Recess Order (or Lunch order, as per normal procedure of attending the Canteen for Order Collection for Year 6-9 Students).

This online order service is available for the School Canteen only (**not the Sugarloaf Café**).

Once you have downloaded the App, you will need to register and search for Tenison Woods College.

If you do not have access to a Smart Phone, orders can be made via the online Portal at <https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home>  
**Orders Via App Store or Play Store are the preferred option for ease of use.**

**Note: No refunds will be given. If your child goes home sick, Parent / Carer will need to notify the Canteen at earliest convenience. The canteen will try to hold order for another day where possible and if enough notice is given. If Canteen is not notified by the parent / carer, the item/s will be forfeited.**

We hope this service makes the lives of busy families easier at Tenison Woods College.

**Jessica Herring** | Manager Public Relations, Marketing and Events Department



## 8/9 Boys Cricket Success

On Thursday 12 March, our talented Year 8/9 Boy Cricketers headed to Bordertown to compete against Unity College in the 2nd round of the Year 8/9 Boys Knockout Cricket Competition. After defeating both Grant High School and Millicent High School in the regional carnival, the team was eager to continue their good form. With the sun shining, Captain Hamish Case won the toss and chose to bat. Despite Unity's quick fielding, impressive batting from the boys saw a competitive score of 148 runs after the 20 overs with Hamish setting the standard, scoring 68 runs. A solid partnership with Jaiden Prior was the catalyst for a strong total.

Things looked good going into the 2nd innings, with Jared Kuhl opening the bowling with some pace. However, Unity College weren't down and out yet. Dropped catches and missed throws from the boys, along with some impressive batting from Unity College, concluded that they only needed a handful of runs from the last 2 overs to win. No need to worry however, with youngster Angus Clarke stepping up when needed, taking 3 wickets in the last over to guarantee the win.

Congratulations to all students involved. A big thank you to Mr Maney for coaching and umpiring throughout the day and parent Michael Prior for taking students to and from the Bordertown Oval. Well done boys and good luck in the next round!

Pictured above: Back Row (from left to right) Nick Kourmouzis, Rajat Pandey, Sam Domaszcz, Fergus Moore, Jared Kuhl, Jye Moody, Tom Lawrence, Jed Sims, Mr Brad Maney Front Row (from left to right) Alex Waters, Jack Lawrence, Hamish Case, Angus Clarke, Jayden Prior, Joseph McCarthy

**Nick Kourmouzis** | Sports Trainee

## Blast Cricket Cancelled

To abide by the Cricket Australia decision, we have had to cancel the remainder of the Woolworths Cricket Blast season. With the coronavirus rapidly changing and evolving, we will keep you all updated with any changes or relevant information.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at [JDunn@saca.com.au](mailto:JDunn@saca.com.au)

**James Dunn** | Club and Participation Officer - South East

## T-Ball Fun

This term, we have had an enthusiastic group of junior school students consisting of Emily Berkefeld, Joshua Mutombo, Floyd Guthridge, Thor Svec, Sam Marcus, Jack Fenton, Callum Feetom, Luke Holmes, Austin Smith and Harry Freckleton playing T-Ball at Blue Lake Sports Park against other schools. We would like to thank Ian Fenton for accepting the role of team coach and guiding our students through the rules and tactics.

Unfortunately, the competition was cut short due to COVID-19 precautions.

Well done to all involved.

**Tina Opperman** | R-7 Sports Coordinator



## Troy Bell Visits the Year 7 Cohort

Our Year 7's are preparing to use their current in class learning on Liveability to apply their knowledge and understandings to Mount Gambier. They will be developing proposals to improve the liveability of Mount Gambier, specifically focussing to improve one or more aspects of fitness, sporting opportunities, health and wellbeing for Mount Gambier's residents.

On Friday 13 March, Troy Bell, our local member for SA, came to the College to share with the students how the development of the Rail Lands trail went from an idea to conception. The students gained first hand understandings of the different phases that the development of the Rail Lands went through, including the hiccups along the way. Troy also shared how the new pump track idea was introduced to our local Council and has already seen the popularity of the facility.

Troy was eager to hear the students share their ideas, and is looking to support them further in working on their proposals.

**Yvette Sims** | Year 7 Teacher



## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be offered in a modified format. Information regarding the interviews will be sent out in an EdSmart format to all families in the coming days.

If you require further information or would like assistance regarding this process, please contact me, Scott Dickson at [dicksc@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dicksc@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

**Scott Dickson** | Director of Learning

## College Board AGM Invitation

The College Community are invited to attend the College Board AGM on 25 March from 6:30pm onwards. To view the invitation and agenda, please click [here](#)







## Music Camp Fun

Last week, 52 excited students and 6 staff headed to Karnkendi in Nelson for the first of our two annual music camps. This camp involved our more senior groups and students from Thunder Drum Corps, Wind Ensemble, Senior Vocal Ensemble, Big Band, Saxophone Ensemble, Small Jazz Ensemble and Concert Choir.

Our busy three day camp involved many rehearsals with students learning new music. The two Music Leaders, Rosie van Eyk and Lizzie Boylan conducted many teamwork activities for the students under the theme of 'Time Travellers'. A focus of the camp is working on collaboration between the many ages of students, and these activities were fantastic in supporting many new friendships.

A highlight of the camp was our two concerts. The first concert was held for the campers and their families who were able to travel to Nelson. This was the first opportunity for the campers to see what the other groups had been working on. This concert also involved an opportunity for the campers to perform by themselves or in groups. These student-led acts were judged and we offer congratulations to – 1st place Tally Montgomery, 2nd place Mia Van Gaans, Maixence Williams and Mary Moreto and 3rd place Liza Davison and Nadia Munguakonkwa.

Our second concert was performed in Millicent to St Anthony's Catholic Primary School. This was a great opportunity for the students to share their love of music with others. It was fantastic to teach this school a new song, and also to see both schools playing and interacting with each other afterwards.

Music Camps are a highlight of the year for many of our students. I would like to congratulate all students and staff on another inspiring and engaging camp.

**Beth Creedy** | Head of Music



## Student Uniform Tip of the Week Hats and Socks

Hats are a compulsory Uniform item for Terms 1 and 4. There are plenty of College hats in stock at the Uniform Shop for \$15.50.

White crew sock are to be worn with the girls' summer uniform and grey crew socks are to be worn all year round with the boys uniform. There are plenty of crew sock's available in the Uniform Shop for \$12.70 per pair.

Uniform items can be purchased in the shop; via telephone on 8724 4637; via online orders or through email at [thecollegeshop@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:thecollegeshop@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

**Tania Sigley** | Director of Wellbeing



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## Stableford Golf Championship

Congratulations to Joel Bryant, Arabella Bhutia and Susannah Bhutia for their wonderful performance at the recent South East Zone sport individual Stableford Golf Championship held at Attamurra Golf Course on Friday 13 March. All three students qualified for the Championship due to their golf handicap with students from South East secondary schools participating.

Joel with a handicap of 24, finished in first position overall with a total of 32 points. In a close overall second position, but the best performing female, Susannah, with a handicap of 22, finished with 30 stableford points. Arabella, with the lowest handicap of 19, finished overall in 4th position, second overall female, collecting 29 points. Congratulations to these three wonderfully talented golfers.

**Nick Kourmouzis** | Sports Trainee



## 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](http://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au).



## Visit our Instagram Page

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



