

# Weekly Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 20 May 2020 | WEEK 4, TERM 2

## From The Principal

### Mass of Instalment of the Archbishop of Adelaide, Most Rev Patrick O'Regan DD

We look with anticipation and gratitude to the Mass of Instalment of the new Archbishop of Adelaide, Most Rev Patrick O'Regan DD, in St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Monday 25 May. At the conclusion of the Mass of Instalment, Archbishop O'Regan will read the prayer of entrustment of the Archdiocese to Immaculate Mary Help of Christians. Please find a copy of this prayer in the CIM Team section of the newsletter.

### National Reconciliation Week - Grounded in Truth, Walk Together with Courage

Beginning next Monday, 27 May, National Sorry Day, through to 3 June members of faith communities across Australia are encouraged to offer prayers for reconciliation between Indigenous and other Australians. This year's theme for National Reconciliation Week is: Grounded in Truth, Walk Together with Courage.

The National Day of Healing or Sorry Day commemorates the anniversary of the tabling in 1997 of HREOC's Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, Bringing Them Home.

National Reconciliation Week occurs from 27 May to 3 June each year, as these two dates mark important anniversaries in Australia's history. On 27 May 1967, Australians passed a referendum that removed clauses from the Australian Constitution which discriminated against Indigenous Australians. On 3 June 1992, the High Court agreed with the position put in the Mabo case, that Australia had been occupied prior to European settlement, and as such, certain rights to native title were preserved by the Indigenous population. These two historic steps forwarded the recognition of Indigenous Australians and their rights, as they both reversed previously held beliefs.

At the heart of reconciliation is the relationship between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To foster positive race relations, our relationship must be grounded in a foundation of truth. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have long called for a comprehensive process of truth-telling about Australia's colonial history. Our nation's past is reflected in the present, and will continue to play out in the future unless we heal historical wounds.

### The Gilap Wanga Learning Community

The Gilap Wanga Learning Community expresses our College community's homage to the traditional owners, while also expressing our aspirations for deep listening to place, country and self.

As such, the Gilap Wanga Learning Community will establish our College's aspiration to greet the future with respect for the environment; a respect that learns from our traditional custodians of the land.

At Tenison Woods College the unique geographical location of the Gilap Wanga Learning Community will foster deep learning, collaboration and communication.

### The Gift of Deep Listening

The Boandik people of the South East Region of South Australia used the language called Bunganditj. In Bunganditj, Gilap Wanga means deep listening. Aboriginal people practice deep listening, an almost spiritual skill, based on respect.

Sometimes called 'dadirri' as shared by Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr of the Ngan'gikurungurr and Ngen' giwumirri languages of the Aboriginal peoples of the Daly River region (Northern Territory, Australia), the gift of deep listening is about breathing and breathing deeply.



To listen deeply is to connect with no judgment and in a reciprocal relationship; listening to self, community, country, and place. It is a deep inner spirit that we all have to offer, that will blossom and grow not only in ourselves, but across the whole community.

**The new Gilap Wanga learning centre is a place of LISTENING and LEARNING with RESPECT of self, community, country and place.**

By accepting this Aboriginal gift, we can all grow together.

### Year 7 2021

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 7-9.

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



## From The Principal *continued...*

### HHDL Four Point Plan

I reiterate that we are continuing, deliberately and carefully, to work with our HHDL Strategy in Term 2. I thank you for your attention to the HHDL Four Point Plan; good **H** Health, good **H** Hygiene and hand washing, good **D** Distancing and care for others and good **L** Learning regardless of student location. During this time of transition in Term 2, the health and wellbeing of students, families and staff remain our priority. We will continue to ensure that our school is a safe environment with additional cleaning measures in place.

### Connect@Tenison

Thank you for your commitment to the start of term. Overall students in the community were learning in the following way in the Reception – Year 12 part of our school community during Week 3:

- Students learning from school - 91 %
- Students learning from home - 1.5 %
- Unexplained / family / illness - 7.5 %

Student numbers in the ELCC are at their usual level, while the OSHC attendance levels are tracking at about half of the usual levels.

Whether you choose to send your child to school, or keep them at home a little longer, I trust our staff are supporting your child in their learning through *Connect@Tenison*.

### Fee Remission

Amongst all the worries that we have at this time – worrying about the payment of school fees should not be one of those things. Please be assured of our support for your family. If your family has lost significant income due to COVID-19 and there may be a need to freeze your payments, please contact Neal Turley, our Business Manager, who will assist you during this time. This can occur very easily for those families in need.

### International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Assessments

We are excited that Tenison Woods College students in Years 3 to 12 have the opportunity to participate in the ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Digital Technologies. All testing is online in 2020. We encourage you to consider entering your child into one or more of the ICAS assessments this year. They are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment

For your child to participate in any of the subjects listed above, please visit the new online Parent Payment System to make a direct payment to UNSW Global. This [link](#) will take you a Parent/Carers letter with details, including dates and the web link for registration and payment.

### Staff Professional Development Days – 4 - 5 June

Staff are looking forward to the staff professional development days Thursday 4 and Friday, 5 June, when they will devote time to the SEQTA Learning Management system, Years 7-9 Gilap Wanga Planning and LBI Resilient IMPACT Training.

I trust students and parents will experience the benefits of the days through our service to students and families throughout the College. I remind families that these days are student-free days.

God Bless,

David Mezinac | Principal



## From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

While doing a lunchtime duty last week in the Years 3-4 playground, it was a delight to see the students making use of the new grassed area adjoining their play equipment. A large number of students were playing chasey together, while another group were creating their own games. Later in the week I was in the Poplars playground and was informed by some students that I needed to walk around a pile of bark to avoid where the monster lives. It was wonderful to see imagination flourishing and students relishing the outdoors. Despite the

media's dire predictions that screen time is robbing our children of imagination and creativity, this wasn't evident in these wonderful spontaneous activities.

There is a lesson in this for us as adults: take the opportunity of these unusual times to involve yourself in your children's games and encourage their creativity! These will be memories they will share with their own children one day.

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development



## CIM Team News

### Laudato Si' Week

Laudato Si' Week honours the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on Care for our Common Home. The theme of the week is "everything is connected". This week launches a year-long journey of transformation, as we grow through the crisis of the current moment by praying, reflecting, and preparing together for a better world to come tomorrow.

Following Pope Francis' invitation to join Laudato Si' Week, Catholics everywhere will reflect and prepare for action from 16 to 24 May. For further information and for links to resources and seminars please go to <https://laudatosiweek.org/>.

### National Families Week, 15-21 May

Celebrate families! National Families Week is held every year between 15-21 May. Take a moment this week to pray a simple prayer for our families.

*Thank you God, for our family. Help us to care for each other, to thank each other and to listen to each other. Help us to forgive each other and to look for the best in each other.*

*Amen*

### Vinnies Shop Opening

Today we had a group of Year 9 students attend the St Vincent de Paul's Society Shop in Mount Gambier to assist in readying the store for its reopening.

From Monday 25 May the shop will operate as per normal:

Monday - Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am - 12:00pm

The Saturday morning hours are staffed by staff, student and parent volunteers from the Tenison Woods College community. If you are interested in joining this roster please contact Nada Brookes at the College at [broon@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:broon@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

### Our Lady, Help of Christians

The Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians, which is celebrated on 24 May, dates back to the sixteenth century. As this feast falls on a Sunday this year, it will be transferred to Monday 25 May. This is a significant feast in Australia, because in 1844 the bishops nominated Mary as a special patron of Australia.

Included below is the prayer of entrustment of Australia, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary under the title of Mary Help of Christians, seeking her intercession for the safety of all people, especially in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. This prayer was approved by the Australian Bishops at their Conference this week:

### Prayer of Entrustment of Australia to Immaculate Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians

*O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of Heaven and Earth, and tender Mother of humanity.*

*At this time when a pandemic threatens all of your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.*

*We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.*

*We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.*

*We implore your intercession especially for the protection of nurses and doctors and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.*

*Reign over us Mother of God and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign in triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!*

*Amen.*

Michelle Coote | Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission



## ‘Behind the Scenes’ at our recent Virtual Year 7 & 8 Information Evening

The above image shows (L-R) Tracey Davey, Scott Dickson, David Meziniec, Nick Patzel and Michelle Coote at last Wednesday night’s 2021 Year 7 & 8 Information Evening. If you missed this wonderful evening and your child is heading into Year 7 or 8 in 2021, or you know of anyone interested in enrolling in 2021, you can view this virtual session by contacting Tracey Davey, Enrolment Registrar at [davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au) for a link to the video.

**Jess Herring** | Public Relations & Events Manager

## Whole College Tour Live TONIGHT

The Tenison Woods College Whole College Tour will be offered via an online link tonight at 5:30pm.

If you would like to join the Virtual Tour or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Tracey Davey at [davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

**Tracey Davey** | Office Manager and Enrolment Registrar

## Homestay Families Needed

The Homestay Program at Tenison Woods College is a very successful program which has been running since 2001. In that time, we have had families from Mount Gambier, Penola and Millicent who have enjoyed the experience of hosting a student from Overseas as well as Regional and Interstate Australia.

At present we have three Regional students looking for Homestay.

Two of the students are siblings and if possible would like to stay with the same homestay family from Monday night through to Friday morning. The students will return home on Friday afternoon to their family and return to Tenison Woods College on Monday morning. The third student is involved in the music program at Tenison Woods College and will be looking for Homestay one night per week (Wednesday).

Regional students pay their Homestay families \$35 per night for their accommodation and meals.

Suitable families range from families with younger children, families with teenage children, a single person or an older couple/family with no children.

If you are interested in hosting a Regional student or you know of anyone who may be interested in hosting a student please contact me, Annie Clifford, Homestay Coordinator for more information on 0408 372 428 or email [cifa@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cifa@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

I would be happy to visit you at home and talk to you about our homestay program at Tenison Woods College.

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Annie Clifford** | Homestay Coordinator



## Leila Croker SA Athlete of the Year

Congratulations to Year 8 student Leila Croker on her Track and Field achievements. Leila has been awarded the 2019-20 U/16 Athletics SA Athlete of the Year for Track and Field. Leila also won the Barb Stephens Perpetual Award for Most Promising Multi Eventer at the South Australia athletics awards.

The awards were held virtually this year due to COVID-19. Leila said ‘I found out about the awards on Facebook. I was really surprised that I won the Athlete of the Year Award. I’m really proud of the award. I have been working really hard on my time trials with my coach in Adelaide’.

Leila has been participating in Track and Field events since the age of five, starting at Little Athletics. She is also a part of the High Performance Sports Program at Tenison Woods College.

Well done Leila on your amazing achievements. It is fantastic to see students ‘Shining Bravely’ in the community.

**Nathan Fleetwood** | HPSP Head Coach

## National Simultaneous Storytime Writing Competition

In honour of National Simultaneous Storytime, and to acknowledge the many brilliant authors we have here at Tenison Woods College, students from Reception – Year 7 are invited to enter the Library’s National Simultaneous Storytime Writing Competition. Please find entry details below:

**What To Do:**  
Develop a talented animal character and write about their secret night life.

*Reception – Year 3*  
Include the following elements:  

- Character(s) description or picture
- A secret talent they have
- A secret place they go at night

*Year 4 – 7*  
In addition to the above, also include the following elements:  

- A problem for the character(s) that needs to be solved
- How that problem is solved

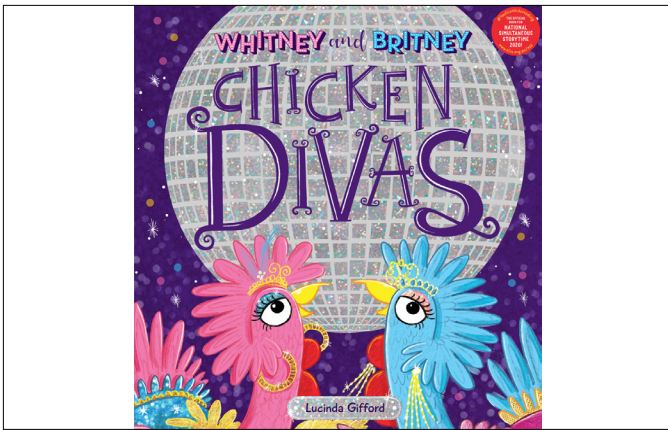
Think about a secret talent that is unlikely for that animal. This will make your writing surprising for the reader. e.g. a weightlifting caterpillar, a trumpet playing cat or a speed eating sloth.

**Entries**  
Supply entries to Ms Lloyd in the Library. Remember your name and class must be written on the back.

**Due Date**  
Friday 22 May

**Chris Lloyd** | Teacher Librarian





## National Simultaneous Storytime

This year at Tenison Woods College we will be celebrating National Simultaneous Story Time online and we would love to share it with you at home! This year's book is "Whitney and Britney, Chicken Divas" by Lucinda Gifford.

*"Whitney and Britney are two gorgeous chooks who live alongside Dora von Dooze. But Dora is perplexed - why do her dear chickens seem to sleep all day long? Dora decides to snoop. She follows the chooks out at night to the local jazz club where she discovers, to her amazement, that they are Whitney and Britney: Chicken Divas!"*

Two great ways you can enjoy the fun with us from home is by accessing either of the following:

Watch Emma Watkins from The Wiggles read for National Simultaneous Storytime on Story Box Library [here](#). Or enjoy National Simultaneous Storytime with Denise Scott on Play School [here](#).

Enjoy this fabulous book. We would love to hear how you celebrated!

**Alexandra Nicholson** | Library Manager

## Young Women in STEM

The Adelaide University's annual Young Women in Technology Experience celebrates diversity across engineering, computer and mathematical sciences and introduces female students in Years 9 and 10 to technology-related career paths. It is a fun and free program to engage students with world-class researchers, university student ambassadors and like-minded peers and provides opportunities for students to use their problem-solving and creativity skills to collaboratively find solutions to a range of practical problems.

This very popular program has encouraged and enthused many young female students by introducing them to various fields of study in science, technology, engineering and mathematics areas for the last number of years. Because of the current situation, the program will be offered at the College this year with online support offered by the University of Adelaide. The date for this event is 4 June, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

I have registered a team of twenty from our College to participate in this program and would like to offer this opportunity to female students in Years 9 and 10 who are interested to learn about careers in the STEM area.

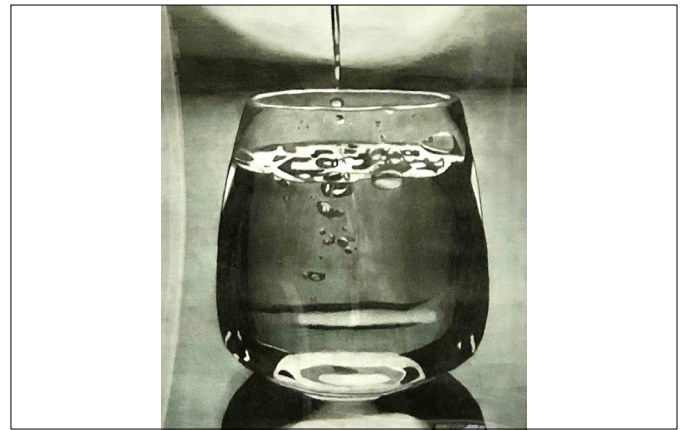
Please note that this is a student free day and participants in the program will be expected to attend school until the conclusion of the program at 1:00pm.

Please discuss this opportunity with your daughter and encourage them to apply by emailing me at [sabeh@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sabeh@tenison.catholic.edu.au) before Friday 29 May. Places will be reserved on a 'first come, first serve' basis.

**Hoveida Saberi** | Mathematics and Science Teacher

## College Umbrellas Now Available

Now is the best time to grab a Tenison Woods College umbrella! These brollies are big, light, strong and only \$35! Grab one now from the College front office!



## Shining in the Classroom - Water Art

During Term 1, Year 8 Students in Mr. Adamopoulos's class were asked to produce a photo of a glass of water for World Water Week. 1 in 9 people around the world go without water (over 650 million people). After the class created all artworks, the question was asked, "if you had a glass of water, who would you give it to and why?".

The above image is by budding artist, Year 8 Student Matilda Lamb. This wonderful piece of artwork is currently on display in the front office if you would like to view.

**Meghan Lynch** | Teacher / Arts Learning Area Coordinator



## Women in Maths Day Celebrated

This week we celebrated 'Women in Maths Day 2020' a day to recognise the incredible teachers and role models we have in Mathematics.

We'd like to say a huge thank you for all their hard work and the positive impact they have at our College!

## After School Study Centre

After the huge success of the After School Study Centre in Term 1, the centre continues this term with even more subject assistance on offer for Year 8-12 students. Held in the PRC Common Room, the centre is open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30pm to 4:15pm with staff on hand to support students in Chemistry, Research Project, Physical Education, Art, Biology, English and Mathematics. The Tech Studies rooms will be open every Thursday until 5:00pm and Music assistance will be available on Monday and Tuesday after school in the Music Area. The highly successful EALD Homework Club will continue to be held in the Lecture Theatre on Thursday afternoons.

If you have any questions regarding Study Support at the College please contact me at [dicksc@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dicksc@tenison.catholic.edu.au) or phone (08) 8725 5455.

**Scott Dickson** | Director of Learning



## Junior School Awards

With our Junior School Assemblies currently on hold, we felt it was important to still acknowledge our student's ability to SHINE BRAVELY at Tenison Woods College. Students pictured have been demonstrating a variety of skills and attitudes such as **S**triving to be successful, **H**elping others to be their best, getting **I**nvolved, knowing others by **N**ame and **E**njoying positive emotions.

Congratulations to our certificate recipients;

Reception: Alyssa Hill, Jackson Harradine, Heidi Scholz, Lorie Saffin, Sarah Nilsson, Chester McEachern, Matthew Allen.

Year 1: Zaylah Jones, Stella Perry, Rubi McGrath, Lucy Bogie, Jackson Buckett, Olivia Argent.

Year 3: Piper Skirving, Jackson McGrath.

Year 4: Emmy Jeffrey, Jaques Aslin, Jack Humphries, Sian Courtney.

Year 5: Henry Skirving, Ava Prosperi-Porta, Gabriel Strachan, Neve Dycer and Kobi Svec.

**Liz Snell** | Student Wellbeing Reception - 5



## 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](#).



## Parent Interview Videos

Recently, some of our parents were interviewed as a part of our 2021 Year 7 & 8 Information Evening. Some of the questions covered were 'Why choose Tenison Woods College for your Child?' and 'How does Tenison Woods College communicate with your family and support your Child?' To listen to their responses, visit our Facebook Page and click 'videos' to watch. Thank you to these parents who took the time to share their experiences.

**Nick Patzel** | Head of Middle School

## Canteen Volunteers Needed

*Are you looking to meet new people while helping out in a fun and friendly environment?*

We are currently preparing the Canteen Roster for the rest of this year, and we are looking for support from parents, grandparents and carers.

Working in the Canteen is a rewarding experience and it is a fun place to volunteer.

The Canteen requires volunteers Monday to Thursday in two time slots; 10:00am to 11:30am and 12:30pm to 2:00pm

We are looking forward to meeting new parents plus welcoming back any helpers from previous years.

Unfortunately, due to Workplace Health and Safety Guidelines, pre-schoolers are unable to attend with parents when working in the Canteen.

Volunteers require a Catholic Education Police Check or Working with Children Check which can be organised with the girls in the Front Office.

Please contact me, Leanne Sandow in the Canteen if you are interested in volunteering in the Canteen at [sandl@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sandl@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

We would love to hear from you!

**Leanne Sandow** | Canteen Manager

## 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)







## Recognising Sisters of Mercy

Two weeks ago, we shone a light on the Sisters of Mercy; the wonderfully committed and courageous women who journeyed from Dublin, via Argentina to Millicent and arrived in Mount Gambier 140 years ago on May 6, to leave a rich legacy, as expressed poignantly in the Mercy Keys of Compassion; Loyalty, Justice, Integrity, Responsibility and Mutual Respect.

These are core values that are an integral part of our community. In acknowledging the journey of these women we also say thank you; a thank you that carries the weight of our commitment to add to the story and steward this story for our time.

Pictured above are Josephine and Mona Duigan, who recognised their fellow Sisters of Mercy by laying flowers at the Lake Terrace Cemetery.



See the Community Noticeboard for posters and notices of upcoming events within our College, and wider community. Please click [here](#) to view this page.

## Upcoming Events:

### Wednesday 20 May

- Whole Collge Tour via Live Stream - 5:30pm

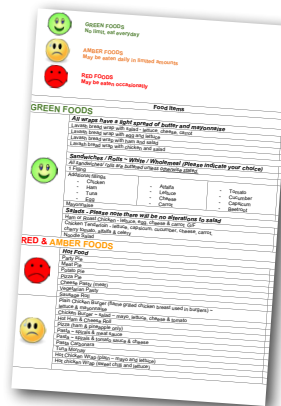
### Tuesday 26 May

- National Sorry Day (National Day of Healing)

## 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 or your children have been unwell in the week leading up to your rostered day we require that you do not attend and contact the Canteen Manager, Leanne Sandow at 8724 4607. Thank you for your assistance.

Please note: Lunch order bags can only be used once, they are not reusable. IWhen using the QKR! App, please make sure all instructions are followed so orders can be processed correctly. There have been a few teething problems and this is causing concern for students who think they should have an order that was pre-ordered on the QKR! app. A reminder that the cut off time for orders via QKR! is 9:00am.



### 2020 Canteen Pricelist

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



## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop are not able to offer a walk in service at this time, however, to assist our community they are offering an increased number of personalised fitting appointments.

ALL BELOW OPENING HOURS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To book your appointment, click [here](#).

To enable social distancing and traceability, the Uniform Shop is only open by appointment during Term 2 as follows:

- Tuesday 8:00am - 10:30am - Appointments Booked Online  
11:00am - 12:00pm - Collection of Online Orders only
- Thursday 1:00pm - 2:30pm - Appointments Booked Online  
3:00pm - 5:00pm - Collection of Online Orders only

Thank you for everyone's patience and understanding - these times may be subject to change.

For further enquiries please contact the school at 8725 5455.



# Photo Gallery - Around the College

Poplars Students planted new trees in the Gilap Wanga Learning Community



Happy Birthday to Principal David Meziniec who was spoilt by College Staff on Monday!



Students enjoy lunchtime basketball activities in the gym

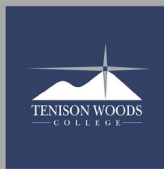


What a picturesque end to Week 3!



Lunchtime Library activities as students learnt how to knit a scarf!





# AFTER SCHOOL STUDY CENTRE

## COMMON ROOM - PRC

Weekly every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from  
3:30pm - 4:15pm

### **MONDAY:**

**CHEMISTRY**  
**RESEARCH PROJECT**  
**MATHS**  
**MUSIC - IN MUSIC AREA**  
**ART**

### **TUESDAY:**

**ENGLISH**  
**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**  
**MATHS**  
**MUSIC - IN MUSIC AREA**  
**ART**  
**BIOLOGY**

### **THURSDAY:**

**MATHS**  
**TECH STUDIES - IN TECH AREA**  
**EALD HOMEWORK CLUB**

