

Weekly Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 3 June 2020 | WEEK 6, TERM 2

STUDENT FREE DAYS THIS WEEK: Thursday 4 and Friday 5 June

Reconciliation Week Recognised Across the College



In 2020, Reconciliation Australia marks twenty years of shaping Australia's journey towards a more just, equitable and reconciled nation. 2020 also marks the twentieth anniversary of the reconciliation walks of 2000, when people came together to walk on bridges and roads across the nation and show their support for a more reconciled Australia.

This week and last, the Junior School students at Tenison Woods College watched video clips, read beautiful picture books and completed activities based on Reconciliation. Classes and Year Levels also painted totem poles reflecting their understanding of reconciliation.

Liz Snell | Student Wellbeing Reception - 5

To read about how the ELCC recognised the week, refer to page 3



From The Principal

Staff Professional Development Days – 4 and 5 June

Staff are looking forward to the staff professional development days on 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 remind families that these days are student-free days.**

LBI Resilient IMPACT Training

Some new Teaching Staff and Curriculum Education Support Officers (Co-educators) will complete the LBI Resilient IMPACT Foundational Training that other staff completed last year. This approach underlines our commitment to develop a whole school discourse where we respond discerningly and not react to student wellbeing issues.

Education Support Officers

It is wonderful to have our Education Support Officers (Co-educators) with us on Thursday and Friday next week for the Professional Learning Days, which is acknowledgement of the critical part they all play in the learning, wellbeing and faith formation of our young.

SEQTA and PPL Planning

A number of staff will use this time to refine their understanding and implementation of SEQTA unit planning and assessment, and ensure they work toward meeting their commitments to the Personal Plan for Learning (PPL) as required for some students in their classes. The PPL underlines our deliberate commitment to ensuring every child's pathway is carefully planned and supported.

Years 7-9 Middle Years and Gilap Wanga Planning

The exciting planning for our Middle Years Students will ensure the most contemporary and stimulating learning experiences for our young in 2021. The momentum is gathering and I am delighted with the communal staff effort in bringing this ground-breaking venture to such a rich expression.

Catholic Education South Australia's Strategy Coordinator Visits the College

We were delighted to welcome Uby Faddoul to the College, Catholic Education South Australia's Strategy Coordinator. Uby toured the College, along with Catholic schools in the South East region. Uby spoke about Catholic Education South Australia's exciting Futures Infrastructure Strategy, as well as the accompanying Living, Learning and Leading Framework, which will support learning achievement and system excellence well into the future.



From The Principal *continued...*

I remind you that the Gilap Wanga Learning Community will be different. It will be about your child and their pathway. And every child's pathway is different. Every child needs to be challenged differently.

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



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

I trust students and parents will experience the benefits of the days through our service to students and families throughout the College.

The New Gilap Wanga Learning Centre

A place of LISTENING and LEARNING with RESPECT of self, community, country and place. By accepting this Aboriginal gift, we can all grow together.

Punctuality – an important life learning

Thank you to families who are continuing to accentuate the importance of punctuality to school and to lessons. Punctuality is one of the most important life lessons and lays the foundation for success in what students may wish to achieve. I remind students and parents that classes commence at 8:40am. Teaching Staff have been asked to carefully register and follow-up lateness issues and non-attendance as per our school guidelines. Punctuality is a way of showing respect for others in the school team, who are relying on you to be there so that home group and learning can commence. Therefore, punctuality is as much about respect for others as it is about personal organisation. Consequently, I ask parents to assist our young in developing strong punctuality habits.

HHDL Four Point Plan

I reiterate that we are continuing deliberately and carefully 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 last week in the R-12 part of our school community:

- Students learning from school - 91 %
- Students learning from home - 1 %
- Unexplained / family / illness - 8 %

Student numbers in the ELCC and OSHC are now at their usual level, with OSHC experiencing significant increased morning attendance on some days.

Families are reminded that, as per Jennie Sanderson's article in last week's newsletter, teachers will no longer be logging on to TEAMS during their lessons and lessons will only be conducted face to face. If a student is ill and wishes to work from home, they are able to log in to their SEQTA Learn account and access their lessons from there. Parents are also able to see the tasks students are set through their SEQTA Engage account.

Webinar for Parents – Prevention and Response to Child Anxiety and Depression

The live webinar is for parents/carer-givers on Tuesday, 30 June at 7:00pm, utilising the LBI - IMPACT – Intentional Practice approach. To register please follow the [link](#).

This webinar is being delivered in partnership with the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities SA and LBI Foundation.

Who is the Webinar For?

Parents and caregivers of children and young people in South Australian Primary and Secondary Catholic Education Schools.

Key Content:

This webinar, supported by participant engagement (questions, polling and feedback), will bring focus to the following evidence-based content:

- How does anxiety and depression manifest and express itself in children and young people (from 5 years to 18 years)?
- What are the current and emergent (post COVID) at-risk groups, within a context of greater world uncertainty?
- What are the key parent and caregiver actions and strategies to prevent anxiety/depression and promote child and youth wellbeing and resilience?
- Two key areas of focus to promote wellbeing and resilience: (1) responding to child and youth growth and developmental needs and (2) building child and youth capacity through side-by-side support.
- How parents and caregivers can work side-by-side with schools and children/youth in both preventative and secondary responses to anxiety/depression.

Facilitators

The session will be delivered by two LBI Foundation presenters with significant experience in providing preventative and targeted support (clinical and non-clinical) to children and young people (and their families and schools) within educational contexts.

- Dr Ivan Raymond (Clinical Psychologist, PhD)
- Ms Kylie Agnew (Registered Psychologist and Teacher)

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.

God Bless,

David Mezinac | Principal



From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

As students and families look forward to a five-day weekend, our staff are gearing up for two days of intense training, curriculum writing and professional development. On Thursday and Friday, a select team of Middle School teachers will be writing the curriculum for the new Year 7, 8 and 9 courses to be delivered in 2021. Teams of enthusiastic staff will be creating innovative and exciting curriculum for our students in line with the Australian Curriculum and under the domains of Future Thinking, Global Perspectives and Healthy Lifestyles.

At the same time our Educational Support staff will be participating in training by the Life Buoyancy Institute continuing on the wellbeing work we have been doing across the school. The focus for the day will be how to help students respond rather than react.

It has been a very solid term for all our staff as they have negotiated online learning, a new learning management system (SEQTA), a myriad of other administrative procedures, not to mention the complexities and anxieties of COVID 19, while all the time keeping the wellbeing and learning of their students at the forefront of all they do. We have very impressive and dedicated staff throughout the College and, as we head to this mini-break, I would like to publicly acknowledge their hard work, sense of humour and their willingness to always keep the students at the forefront of whatever they do. We have an outstanding team!

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development



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.

CIM Team News



Founder's Week and Whole School Liturgy

Next week we are celebrating the Founders of our College. Each day we will celebrate with lunchtime activities organised by the Founder Leaders from each house group.

Members of each house are invited to wear their PE uniform on their celebration day as well as add a 'touch of house spirit' by adding a coloured accessory or two ie socks, hair ribbon....

The Founder days are:

- Tuesday – Champagnat
- Wednesday – Woods
- Thursday – McAuley
- Friday – MacKillop

Please see the [flyer](#) for further information.

On Friday at 9:00am all students will participate in an online liturgy to celebrate the conclusion of Founders Week.

St Vincent de Paul support

The St Vincent de Paul society of Mt Gambier realises that due to the Coronavirus pandemic, followed by lockdown and the close of businesses, many local people either lost their employment or their hours of work reduced. These conditions have resulted in hardship for many individuals and families as they struggle to pay bills, buy food, pay medical expenses etc.

The St Vincent DePaul appeals to any members of the College or parish community who are facing financial difficulties, or knows of others who are, to contact Vinnies for assistance. All you need do is call the shop to make an appointment 8724 9322. All meetings are strictly confidential.

Vinnies Mount Gambier have hired a portable office for a couple of months, and it has been a very successful venture. This has allowed for social distancing and being able to continue to attend to those who seek their assistance.

As a consequence, the Chapter are contemplating adding another day, in addition to Wednesdays, when they will meet with people needing this assistance. Training will be provided. If any Tenison Woods Community members are interested in finding out more about this, please contact Jeanette Elliot 04082 54680 or jeanette.elliott48@bigpond.com.

The Vinnies Chapter are also changing their meeting times to 7:00pm Monday nights. They meet on the first and third Monday of each month. They would welcome new members. Again please contact Jeanette with any queries.

Masses

Masses are now being held for 20 people at a time in all churches around the South East. If you would like to attend a Mass, please contact your local parish office in either Mount Gambier, Penola, Naracoorte or Millicent to put your name on the list.

At Tenison Woods College we are fortunate to be able to celebrate Mass in the Chapel for one class at a time. At this stage we are still not able to host parents, grandparents or parishioners at these Masses but we look forward to when that changes. We thank people for their patience and for collaboratively working towards a healthy outcome for everyone.

Student Volunteering Survey

South Australia is currently developing its volunteering strategy for 2021-2027 and would like to include student voice in the decisions that are made.

Results of the survey will help determine how to best promote and sustain volunteering in South Australia. The Volunteering Strategy is working together with schools and volunteer involving organisations to embed student volunteering into everyday school curriculum to:

- Create accessible opportunities for all students to participate in volunteering;
- Strengthen school-community partnerships; and
- Enrich student learning through volunteering.

As we offer a range of volunteering opportunities for our students we would love it if students could take a moment to complete this [survey](#) at home. All school aged students are eligible to participate with parental permission and the survey closes this Friday, 5 June.

Michelle Coote | Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission



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ELCC Participates in Colgate Community Challenge

Our Early Learning and Community Centre is taking part in the Colgate Community Challenge!

Students and staff are collecting old toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and other dental items, which will be sent away to be turned into planter boxes and garden benches. There is a donation box located at our Early Learning and Community Centre for families that wish to donate any old/used items.

Families can also vote for our College in this challenge. To vote for our College, visit the link [here](#) and vote for 'Tenison Woods College Early Learning Centre'.

The more votes/items submitted, the better chance we have of winning a recycled community garden set for our College! Voting ends 2 October 2020.

Alarni Holmes | Early Childhood Teacher

'Thinking of Timor' Competition

The 2020 Timor Immersion has been postponed until further notice, but this doesn't mean that we are not thinking about our closet neighbour nor that our support for the communities we visit has stopped. Places like the Dominican Orphanage that rely on visitors for income need our support and prayers and one way we can show we are thinking of them is by raising awareness and funds.

We are asking interested students to draw a picture that symbolises our close relationship with the people of Timor-Leste, and says, that although we might not get there this year in person, we are with them in spirit.

To enter, students need to either email news@tenison.catholic.edu.au or drop their artwork into the Public Relations and Events Office at the College.

The winning picture will be used on promotional materials and other entries will form a video of love and support that will be shared with the orphanage and the Hatolia community.

First prize for the competition is a \$50 Collins book voucher.

Please click [here](#) to view the poster.

Bernadette Fisher | Year 8-12 Teacher

ISO Talent Competition

The Tenison Woods College student leadership team have come up with a video competition. This competition asks students from Reception to Year 12 to exhibit the talents and skills they learnt whilst in isolation.

- Entries will be judged per year level and a winner from each year will be awarded with a certificate.
- Students can upload a picture or a 30 second video of their talent/skill from isolation [here](#).
- Talents could include baking, singing, artwork, music, skills and tricks, a written story or poem.
- Entries close this Friday 5 June (Week 6).

We can't wait to see all of your creative talents and skills!

Jess Snell and Ethan Herpich | College Captains



National Simultaneous Storytime Writing Competition

The standard of entries for this year's NSS writing competition was outstanding. It was a pleasure for the Library Staff to read so many creative and well written stories and poems, and an almost impossible task to choose the winners. Please read below the list of students who were highly commended and then the list of our brilliant winners.

Congratulations to all students who submitted an entry and for letting your light shine!

Highly Commended Entries (certificate awarded):

Harry Window	Fergus Tarr
Stella Marcus	Imogen Lock
Rosie Chiesa	Gabriel Strachan
Zane Lewis	Raghan Raghesh
Bridget Smith,	Eli Thorne,
Felix Bell	Ruby Milich
Ben Reichelt	Samuel Swiggs
Vespa Scott	Izza Usman
Duke Bradley	D'Arci Bell,
Therapu Dee	Muhammad Usman

Year Level Winners (Special Morning Tea):

Reception:	James Williamson
Year 2:	Charlie Little
Year 3:	Mackenzie Morris
Year 4:	Henry Kentish
Year 5:	Isabelle Neumann
Year 6:	Patrick Clarke
Year 7:	Samantha Considine
Poplars:	Hayley Mc Intosh

Chris Lloyd | Teacher Librarian

Weekly Uniform Focus

WEEKLY TIP IS FOCUSING ON HAIR:

Hair is to be clean, brushed or combed to maintain a neat, tidy appearance. Hair is also to be of a singular natural colour and tied up if shoulder length or longer. Students are not to have dreadlocks, rat's tails or other extreme styles and if their head is shaved it is a minimum number two cut.

Please refer to the College [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



Reconciliation Week Activities in the ELCC

On National Sorry Day, last Tuesday, we acknowledged the grief, suffering and injustice experienced by the stolen generations. In the MacKillop Kindergarten room, we are committed to playing our part in reconciliation by creating educational opportunities for all children through play-based learning. Last week the children listened to Aboriginal dream time stories, stories about Native Australian Animals, the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian flag, researched the Aboriginal map of Australia and enjoyed many craft and dramatic play experiences. We listened to Aboriginal music, the Aboriginal Lord's prayer, danced as kangaroos and emus and engaged in small world play with native Australian Animals. The children explored Aboriginal instruments and the Tenison Woods College Indigenous garden.

We give thanks for the wonderful country we live in and appreciate the Aboriginal culture. "In This Together - National Reconciliation Week 2020"

Domenica Dunn | ELCC Director



Funding Raising Efforts From Hospitality Academy

To participate in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, our Year 10 and 11 Academy of Hospitality students made some amazing hand-decorated biscuits! Students made them available for sale at the College, with all proceeds going to the Cancer Council. Thank you to everyone who donated by purchasing the delicious biscuits! Well done to students on raising money for a great cause!

QKR! App Reminder

Just a reminder that the the QKR! app cut off time is 9:00am sharp, for same day delivery. Year 8 and 9 specials are only available for Year 8 and 9 students. Orders from the 8-9 Menu will not be permitted for younger siblings. Please be vigilant when using the QKR! app, and follow instructions so the order can be placed, paid for and delivered correctly. Pay particular attention to day of ordering, to ensure order is placed for correct week and day. Please do not order for multiple children under one child's profile.

We appreciate your support of the college canteen. We trust the QKR! app has made life easier for busy families.

Leanne Sandow | Canteen Manager



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: Maddy Lloyd, Leo Mules, David Beaufort, Alaska Cella, Nikolas Waltner-Toews

Year 1: Maliki Hussien, Mia Guthridge

Year 2: Lachlan Earl, Linkin Gosden

Year 3: Ben Reichelt, Jenny Bigirimana, Mackenzie Morris

Year 5: Clare Baseley, Matthew Considine, Flynn Turner, Hayley Bartley, Bailee Lewis, Rahan Raghesh

Liz Snell | Student Wellbeing Reception - 5

Year 9 Netball Academy Coaching Sessions

As part of the Year 9 Netball Program, the class is required to teach two sessions to the Year 4 students. The girls teach defence, shooting and attacking skills as well as some game play. They provide a fun and exciting lesson, engaging all the students. The Year 9 girls have been completing these sessions on Mondays and Thursdays. The sessions involve a warm-up, three drills and a cool down. The aim of these sessions is to improve the Year 4's understanding and skills in netball. This has been an enjoyable program for coaches, Year 9 students and the Year 4 students.

Kaitlin Egan | HPSP Netball Coach and Teacher

Front Office Reminder

Due to our Staff Professional Development this Thursday and Friday, the Front Office will be closed all day on Friday 5 June.



Specialised Basketball Coaching For Year 3-7 Students

Students in Years 3 to 7 have been busy learning basketball skills, enjoying game play and having the opportunity to improve their basketball referee abilities. This specialised program is coached by Pioneers Captain and former Adelaide 36er, Tom Daly, who is also the College HPSP Basketball Coach.

Students from Year 3 - 7 have dedicated lessons during the week to learn about the game, enjoy the social connections and become confident to play in the local Mount Gambier association. Tom focuses on skill development and incorporating a 'Teaching Games for Understanding' (TGFU) model, where a significant amount of the teaching time is spent on game scenarios. Currently, eight Year 7 students also play an important role as referees and support the program by taking control of the modified games for various age groups, providing opportunities for them to gain confidence in this area. Feedback is provided to the budding young referees and it is aimed to provide a Level 'O' accreditation so they can referee in the local competitions. The program operates for the full year with access to all of the specialised equipment and resources.

Ian Ross | Year 8-12 Sports Coordinator



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](#).



Virtual Cross Country

A return to school sport was a welcome relief for 550 Reception to Year 9 students last week with the unique 'Virtual Cross-Country' event. Students were invited to participate to either run, jog or walk the event which was held over two days (Junior School on Thursday and Middle School on Friday) on a flat grass course on the senior and junior ovals facing White Avenue. The course distance varied for each age group, ranging from 500 metres to 3kms. Students had to navigate a simple circuit and plenty of students took the opportunity to test their fitness, while others used it as a good friendship connection to jog or walk together. With over 5600 students from approximately 180 schools participating from all over South Australia and Western Australia, Tenison Woods College can be proud of the number of keen students who all showed great enthusiasm and effort to enjoy the event. Results were collated and submitted to Sport SA. While the main focus was on participation for Reception to Year 5 students, in the secondary age groups, times were kept and will be submitted to the Regional Schools Sports Association. Thank you to the Year 5 Founder Leaders – Ruby, Albert, Lachlan and Mitchell for their help.

- Year 6 Boys: 1st Marcus Gajic, 2nd Aidan Salmon, 3rd Archie Aitken
- Year 6 Girls: 1st Maggie Collins, 2nd Elodie Adam, 3rd Sophia Cornish
- Year 7 Boys: 1st Ben Braithwaite, 2nd Jacob Salmon, 3rd Curtis Page
- Year 7 Girls: 1st Charlotte Tarr, 2nd Maddi Harrold, 3rd D'Arcei Bell
- Year 8 Boys: 1st Jonty Collins, 2nd Angus Clark, 3rd Harry Pettman
- Year 8 Girls: 1st Bailey Berkfeld, 2nd Leila Croker, 3rd Heidi Berkin
- Year 9 Boys: 1st Zac Hopgood, 2nd Anders McShane, 3rd Jackson Bowden
- Year 9 Girls: 1st Ellie Bouchier, 2nd Siobhan Adams, 3rd Tess Porter

Ian Ross and Tina Opperman | Sports Coordinators

Students Encouraged to Participate In ICAS Assessment

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.

Chris Lloyd | Teacher Librarian

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 4 June

- Student Free Day

Friday 5 June

- Student Free Day

Monday 8 June

- Public Holiday

Tuesday 9 June

- Champagnat Celebration Day

Wednesday 10 June

- Woods Celebration Day

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 ask that you do not attend and contact the Canteen Manager, Leanne Sandow on 8724 4607. Thank you for your assistance.

Please note: Lunch order bags can only be used once, they are not reusable. When using the QKR! App, please make sure all instructions are followed so orders can be processed correctly. There have been a few problems with parents / students selecting the wrong day, or ordering for the following week. Please check carefully when placing orders. 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

***Please note that the uniform shop will be closed on Thursday 4 June for stocktake.**

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

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

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

