

Weekly Newsletter

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College Celebrates Our Founding Leaders



This week Tenison Woods College is celebrating the Founders of our College. Each day is dedicated to a different House Founder with lunchtime activities planned by the Founder Leaders. In today's newsletter we will take the opportunity to briefly tell the story of St Marcellin Champagnat, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Venerable Catherine McAuley and Fr Julian Tenison Woods.

Please refer to page 3 for more information about the College's Founder Leaders



From The Principal

Founders Week

During Founders Week this week we will celebrate the ways in which we can follow in our Founders footsteps of faith, action and community in a way that brings life to our school, parish and local community. In terms of our *SHINE* acronym, we have accentuated the **H** this week:

HELP others to be their best, which speaks of actions like:

- Be prepared to offer your talents;
- Find your passion through service; and
- Build community.

Thank you to all the students for their participation in lunchtime events of this week, and we look forward to the Whole School Virtual Liturgy on Friday at 9:00am.

Staff Professional Learning Days - 4 and 5 June

Thank you to all staff who worked deliberately to achieve their goals on the PD days which gravitated around:

- SEQTA Implementation
- Personal Plans for Learning Implementation
- Years 7 to 9 Middle Years and Gilap Wanga Planning
 - LBI Foundation Catch Up
 - Communities of Practice – the 'How' of Deep Listening and Deep Learning
 - Co-educator and ESO support for the College Game Plan

Personally, it was two of my most satisfying days as a Principal, observing talented and committed staff think deeply about the best possible learning experiences for our young, and grappling with the best way to integrate disciplines of the Australian curriculum so that our young can express their capabilities and SHINE.



From The Principal continued...

Years 7 to 9 Middle Years and Gilap Wanga Planning

I offer special thanks to all the staff who offered their talents to Years 7 to 9 Middle Years and Gilap Wanga Planning. Some staff indicated it was the toughest professional learning they had participated in for their whole career, and others expressed that it was the most satisfying; learning with and from colleagues, and co-creating experiences for our young that are inspiring, challenging and life giving.

The exciting planning for our Middle School 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.

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.

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.

HHDL Four Point Plan

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

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

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

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

Refugee Week 2020 - 14-20 June - Celebrating the Year of Welcome Online

Next week we will celebrate Refugee Week, which occurs from June 14 - 20, culminating with World Refugee Day on 20 June. More information about the online celebration is located [here](#). The Caritas [website](#) also has some resources for Schools.

This is a dedicated opportunity to raise awareness about the issues affecting refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society and our school community.

God Bless,

David Mezinec | Principal



From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

As the Coronavirus restrictions are gradually being lifted and families and businesses are starting to look at life beyond the lockdown, we begin to ponder what the 'new normal' will look like. The last few months have impacted on all of us to a greater or lesser extent and no one has been immune. While we search for this new normal there are a number of things that will help our young people make sense of the world and come to terms with what is ahead.

In the past couple of years all Tenison Woods staff have been working with Ivan Raymond and David Kelly from the Life Buoyancy Institute to extend our skills and knowledge of wellbeing. Their key message to help support young people at this time is to foster a sense of stability through routine and consistent messages that validate concerns but don't dwell on them; foster an appreciation of gratitude for what we have and instil a sense of hope for the future. If you feel your children would benefit from additional support at this time our counselling team is always available to speak with them.

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

CIM Team News



Our Founders

St Marcellin Champagnat was a priest who started an order of Brothers called the Marist Brothers in France in 1817. He was passionate about educating and taught the Marist Brothers to show great respect and love for the children they taught and to give all people equal opportunities. Three things fuelled Marcellin's passion for life and shaped his spirituality:

- An awareness of God's presence;
- A confidence in Mary and her protection; and
- The virtues of simplicity and humility.

In 1872 four Brothers arrived from Europe to form the first Australian community of Marist Brothers and in 1931 a Marist Brothers school – Tenison College, was established in Mount Gambier.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop was born in Melbourne in 1842. She was a woman of kindness, compassion and love for those less fortunate.

In 1860 she moved to Penola as a governess to her Aunt and Uncle's children and in 1866, together with Father Julian Tenison Woods, she began the Sisters of St Joseph. The aim of the Sisters was to educate children and to help some of the poorest and most desperate people to access an education. This school, in a stable in Penola, was the very first Catholic school in South Australia. Mary MacKillop is Australia's only Saint and is a local inspiration to us all.

Venerable Catherine McAuley was born in Ireland in 1788. After her parents died when she was young, Catherine lived with several families and was a wonderful example of living and praying the Catholic faith.

When Catherine was left a significant sum of money as an inheritance, she chose to spend it setting up a house for poor girls and women. When she realised that she, and they, needed even more help she began the Sisters of Mercy to work as teachers, nurses, and carers of all kinds.

The Sisters of Mercy arrived in Mount Gambier and Millicent from Buenos Aires in 1880, with a strong presence in Catholic Education in the South East until the 1980's.

Fr Julian Tenison Woods was born in England in 1832 and began to study to become a priest in 1852.

In 1855 he moved to Tasmania, Australia where he worked as a chaplain and teacher for the convicts and completed his ordination into the priesthood. In 1857 he took up a position as Parish Priest in Penola and met Mary MacKillop. The two of them began the Stable School and the Sisters of St Joseph in 1866.

He planned and started many schools in Adelaide, and in country towns, that provided education for poor children. He was a priest, newspaper editor, author, geologist, artist, musician and was the first Director General of Catholic Education in Australia. He loved to travel around Australia and the world observing and recording the natural world.

Masses

Masses are now being held for up to 20 people in all churches around the South East. If you would like to attend one of the masses your local parish is offering please contact the 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.

Vinnies

It is exciting to see the Vinnies store up and running again after being forced to close during the COVID 19 pandemic. As expected, Vinnies are experiencing an increased demand for assistance, and retail sales through the shop is one of the ways that money is generated to provide assistance to those in need.

The shop is now accepting donations of quality clothing, shoes and furniture that can be sold in the clothing and furniture store in Crouch Street. The Furniture Shop is currently very low in items so please contact the Vinnies Store on 8724 9322 if you have items to donate. Pick-up can be arranged.

Michelle Coote | Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission



Farewell to Exchange Student Gabi

On Friday, 5 June the College farewelled Gabi Francino Ramos Silva. Gabi has been attending Tenison Woods College on a Rotary Exchange program supported by the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West. Gabi has been attending the College for the past 10 months and on Sunday, 7 June returned to her homeland of Brazil.

Gabi planted a tree in Marist Park to commemorate her Australian exchange and was supported by Rotary Mount Gambier West President Matthew Dixon.

Adeus Gabi! We will miss you dearly!

Year 1 Fairy Tale Day

All Year 1 students are invited to attend the Fairy Tale day on Wednesday 24 June. Come to school dressed as your favourite character from a traditional or modern Fairy Tale, (no superheroes).

Please click [here](#) to view the format of the day.



ELCC Students Learn About A College Founder

This week the ELCC children in the McAuley Kindergarten Room have been learning all about one of our founders, Catherine McAuley. They have explored the story of Catherine McAuley, the Sisters of Mercy and their legacy to make life better for children that are poor, sick or homeless.

A special quote of Catherine McAuley's that the children have been learning is, "proof of love is deed". This short quote reminds us to let our kind and caring actions be the way that we show love to our family and friends.

The children have engaged in a variety of hands on experiences including observational drawings of Catherine McAuley, the illustration of a book about her life and they have also created their own crosses using twigs and have attached Catherine's special message to these crosses to later share with those that they love. *Pictured above: Evie Cole and Charlie Holmes.*

Alarni Holmes | Early Childhood Teacher



College Staff Professional Development Day

Congratulations to our Teaching Staff for a wonderful two days of Curriculum planning sessions, forming the future of learning at Tenison Woods College. Staff came together in teams to collaborate, bringing their ideas and passion to develop the Curriculum for 2021 and beyond. Our learners have a lot to look forward to, with some very exciting subjects on offer!

In addition to the above sessions, on Thursday, David Kelly from Life Buoyancy Institute ran Resilient IMPACT Training sessions which were enjoyed by staff. This was David's fourth visit to the College.

On Friday, Education Support Officers and Office Staff were treated to information sessions from Scott Dickson, Craig Neumann and David Mezinec along with a surprise guest via zoom link, live from Los Angeles California; inspirational speaker Sebastian Terry. Sebastian is the creator of 'Seb100things' and shared some wonderful insights around living your best life, sharing kindness, and helping yourself while helping others along the journey. We thank Sebastian for his time!

We are proud of what we have achieved, and look forward to the future of our College.



Young Women In STEM

A group of 14 female students from Years 8 to 11 participated in the “Young Women in STEM” outreach program organised by Adelaide University on Thursday 4 June at the College.

The Adelaide University’s annual Young Women in STEM celebrates diversity across engineering, computer and mathematical sciences and introduces female students in secondary schools to technology-related career paths. The program engages students with world-class researchers, university student ambassadors and like-minded peers and provides them with opportunities to utilise problem-solving and creativity skills to collaboratively find solutions to a range of practical problems.

This year the program was offered to schools in the state in an online format through Zoom.

The first session introduced students to courses at the School of Architecture and Built Environment. They then used templates provided by the university and were guided to make a flat pack stool and a paper building. This activity was thoroughly enjoyed by the girls.

Students learnt about Mechanical Engineering courses at the university and were guided to make a lift platform. This required much more collaboration and problem solving. All groups successfully completed their lifts.

The final session of the day was a Q&A session where students had the opportunity to ask questions and hear from current female university students about their courses and life on campus.

In her reflection about the program one of the participants wrote, “The panel of speakers provided useful advice to always pursue your interests regardless of other’s opinions and interests. I would recommend participating in this course to others that are interested in learning more about STEM careers or who wish to pursue a career in the STEM field.”

I acknowledge the commitment to learning and enthusiasm of the students for choosing to come to school on a pupil free day to participate in this program. It was wonderful to observe their engagement and collaboration on the day. They were great ambassadors for the College. We are grateful to Adelaide University for providing the opportunity, expertise and resources for this program. *Pictured above Anushka Kumar, Ashleigh Spicer and Pajvi Purswani*

Hoveida Saberi | 8-12 Maths and Science Teacher

Students Attend Cyber Security Webinar

Last Wednesday students from Years 9 to 12 attended an interactive webinar called ‘Careers in Cyber Security’ organised by Australia Signals Directorate.

During the session’s students learnt about different career paths in cyber security from professionals working at Australian Signals Directorate. The students were informed about the importance of cyber security and various pathways and skills required to get into professions related to Cyber Security.

Students actively participated in the Q&A session at the end of the webinar in which a lot of questions were asked about the projects and study options to become a professional in Cyber Security. Well done to all involved.

Saad Habib | Senior Digital Technologies Teacher



Upcoming Events:

Thursday 11 June

- Founders Day - McAuley

Friday 12 June

- Founders Day - MacKillop
- Whole School Virtual Liturgy - 9:00am

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

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.



Community
Noticeboard



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

Photo Gallery - Around the College



Exchange Student Gabi Silva planting a tree to commemorate her exchange



Young women in STEM participant Year 10 Arabella Bhutia



Year 10 Core Physical Education class had a great time learning Archery



ELCC Student with her Catherine McAuley artwork



Mr Patzel in the goals for Woods Day lunchtime celebrations



Year 9 students in Mrs Egans HPE class participating in circuit work



Our Champagnat students kicked off Founders Week with some great activities at lunch