

Weekly Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2020 | WEEK 1, TERM 3



Archbishop Patrick O'Regan Visits the College

We were delighted to host Archbishop Patrick O'Regan on Monday 20 July. Archbishop Patrick made a lightning quick trip to visit Priests of the South East Deanery and found some time to tour the College and join staff for refreshments at the conclusion of the Professional Learning Day. Some staff and students also joined the Archbishop for Mass on the morning of Tuesday 21 July at Saint Paul's Church.



From The Principal

Welcome Back

I welcome back the Tenison Woods College community as we begin Term 3! We especially welcome new Reception and ELCC students who have this week commenced their respective journeys with us. We also welcome new families and students who have commenced their schooling with us in other year levels throughout the College.

I trust that the spirit of community and commitment to building strong relationships, which are complemented by our innovative culture and dedication to fostering individual pathways, will support you as you strive to bring out the best in your child. I hope you will also see, as I have indicated previously, and consistent with our theme this year, being a part of the Tenison Woods College community is not hard, it just requires a little extra effort from everyone to SHINE Bravely; to realise our potential as individuals and as a community of people.

HHDL Four Point Plan

The interesting times continue, and in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreaks in Victoria and New South Wales, we are deliberately and carefully continuing with our HHDL Strategy in Term 3, asserting good **H**health, good **H**hygiene and hand washing, good **D**istancing and care for others, and good **L**earning regardless of student location.

As always, the health and wellbeing of students, families and staff remains our priority. If your family is needing to self-isolate to start the term please contact your child's teacher and they will ensure that your child's learning will progress through our Connect@Tenison strategy.

It is clear to me that complacency is our enemy at this time, so I ask that you maintain the high HHDL standards which were achieved in Term 2. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Gilap Wanga Update

The Gilap Wanga Learning Centre is very close to being completed and looks fantastic! It is a credit to the workmanship of Dycer Constructions and their subcontractors, many of whom are parents of our community.

The hot mix of the ring road has been laid, however, given that it has been laid during the coldest part of the year, it will require some time to cure and harden. As such, I ask that the ring road is not used for the first two weeks of Term. Furthermore, I ask that parking on the area does not occur until around 17 August (Week 5). This is because the turning of wheels in the parking manoeuvre will tear up the top layer of the hot mix if it is not adequately cured and hardened first. Lines will be marked on the ring road and parking area in the Term 3 holidays.



From The Principal *continued...*

Gilap Wanga Donations for the Native Gardens

I ask families for donations of any redgum or bluegum logs that could feature in the Gilap Wanga native plant garden areas. These logs will act as features in the gardens and possibly also be used as rustic seating. So, if families could assist us in accessing such logs that could be used as features and seating in the area, they would be warmly received.

Early Learning and Community Centre expansion and new Reception building commences

We are delighted that the expansion of the ELCC and new reception building has commenced. The OSHC renovations and new entrance to the Barrie Holmes Stadium will commence subsequently. As such, parents who enter the College site will note some continuing and increased parking challenges. Could I ask that you continue your care in the College driveways and parking areas, particularly adjacent to the Early Learning and Community Centre. Should you have any concerns in relation to traffic and parking issues relative to the designated building site please contact Neal Turley at turln@tenison.catholic.edu.au or myself at mezid@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

Out of School Hours Care – six years of deliberate care, deliberate learning.

I have been delighted by the response to our OSHC service that has now been servicing our community for six years. The attendance at our holiday program was further validation of the carefully prepared program and the commitment to a fun, safe, nurturing and supportive environment, which is reflective of our community's family values.

At this time, I offer appreciation to the range of the staff who offered their service to the OSHC program under Marc Lock and Sarah Seeböhm's leadership during the student vacation; service which was greatly appreciated by the families of our community.

For further information regarding our OSHC service and bookings contact Sarah on 8724 4633 or email oshc@tenison.catholic.edu.au. You can also visit the OSHC page on our College [website](#) where you will find more details about the OSHC Program.

ELCC – Holiday Program

The Early Learning and Community Centre also operated during the student vacation with its stimulating and individualised holiday learning program under Domenica Dunn's discerning and passionate leadership.

Reception Enrolments 2021

I advise parents and caregivers that interviews are just beginning for all 2021 reception enrolments. We invite parents or caregivers and students to schedule an interview time with Mrs Francesca Dickson, Acting Head of Junior School, to formalise their child's enrolment for 2021. If you have a child who is due to start school in Term 1 2021, please contact Tracey Davey on 8725 5455 who will help you organise this.

Professional Learning Day

Staff used the professional learning day on Monday 20 July in a variety of ways including:

- Years 7 to 9 Middle Years and Gilap Wanga collaborative planning;
- Years 7 to 9 Gilap Wanga Learning Centre Preparation;
- SEQTA Implementation and individualised learning planning; and
- Communities of Practice collaborative endeavours that accentuate the wellbeing of our community.

I trust you will see the benefits of the day as the term progresses.

Staff News

We wish Jill Rogers all the best for her Long Service Leave during Term 3. This leave was delayed from Term 2, so we thank Francesca Dickson for taking on the Head of Junior School role in Term 3, and Kirsty Clifford for assuming a full-time teaching role to minimise disruption to students in her class that she shares with Francesca.

We welcome back Melissa Bucik from Long Service Leave, and are delighted that Elisa Lawrie will now teach in Kirby Turnbull's Year 1 class, while Kirby is on maternity leave.

Staffing Appointments – Semester 2, 2020

I congratulate the following staff on assuming the following roles for Semester 2:

James Gilham	Business, Enterprise and Technology Coordinator
Trent Eitzen	Business, Enterprise and Technology Skills Coach

New Staff

We welcome the following new staff to the College community:

Joe Prosperi-Porta	Business, Enterprise and Technology Teacher
Jeremy Fitzpatrick	Year 4 Replacement Teacher for Weeks 1-5, Term 3
Tom Daly	Education Support Officer

We wish Joe, Jeremy and Tom all the best as they commence their service to our community and offer their talents to our families.

Careers Counselling and Counselling Team – Semester 2

I inform the College community that Jody Elliot will continue her leave for the remainder of the year and as such:

- Sarah Milne will assume the Careers Counsellor role;
- Mairead Mackle will return for two days a week to replace Sarah's counselling role;
- Jody Elliott will continue to provide support and guidance to Sarah as the year continues.

I thank Jody, Sarah and Mairead for agreeing to accommodate the school's needs at this time.

In congratulating these staff, I know the Tenison Woods College student, parent and staff community will offer them the support and collaboration which will make their roles and our College community as successful as possible.

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.

Parent Course – Wellbeing and Resilience

What skills would you want your children to have most as they greet the opportunities and challenges of life?

Studies have shown that curiosity and grit are the two personal characteristics which are the most significant predictors of success in life; two critical traits that will make us grow into the people God is calling us to be. Furthermore, in these days of competing demands on our time and resources; the need to work through complex issues with our children, and the diversity of family structures, one of most valuable skills we can have is that of resilience. In partnership with the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute, Tenison Woods College is developing a whole school community way of talking about, measuring and critiquing the resilience and wellbeing of our members. The project complements our current strong commitment to wellbeing and resilience through the variety of programs offered to students, families and staff, by giving us a common language and frame of reference through which to view the associated issues across our school community.

This year we are continuing our parent training course, beginning Tuesday 4 August for five consecutive weeks at 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Tenison Woods College Staffroom.

Come along and learn some new skills, or refresh some old ones, in a friendly, non-threatening, social environment.

For more information or to register your interest please contact Tania Sigley at sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

God Bless,

David Mezinac | Principal



From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

Welcome to Term 3!

What an absolute delight it was to see the excited looks on the students faces as they entered the Gilap Wanga precinct through the beautifully designed entrance. Staff and students alike are impressed with the spacious, community feel of the grounds and class areas and look forward to fully utilising these areas.

Many students would have changes of classes and teachers this semester; please discuss these with your children as it is always good to know what they are doing no matter what their stage of education. I hope all parents were able to access reports at the end of Term via SEQTA Engage.

If you have any queries regarding these please email the teacher concerned or contact the College and we will assist you. SEQTA Engage will continue to be the medium for communicating assessment tasks, marks and in-class work.

Given the strict lockdown of the state border and the need for exemptions and increased testing, please contact me if you have any concerns or queries regarding the impact of this on your child's schooling. With the constant media alerts, you may find the anxiety levels for your children are becoming more heightened. Please contact our excellent counselling team if needed.

I hope everyone has a good start to the term.

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development



CIM Team News

Welcome back to the College for Term 3! As David mentioned, we were very fortunate to begin the Term with a visit from Archbishop Patrick O'Regan. It was fantastic to see a group of our students represent the College at St Paul's Church on Tuesday for Mass, which was celebrated by Archbishop Patrick.

Family Mass

There will be no Family Mass this Sunday. We look forward to reconvening Family Masses on Sunday 23 August and seeing many of our Tenison Woods College families there.

Youth Retreat Weekend

The St Paul's Parish Youth group are holding a Weekend Retreat in Robe from Friday 14 August – Sunday 16 August. To receive further information or to put in an Expression of Interest please contact Laura Cesario lauracesario@me.com or Daniel Royals royad@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

Volunteers Needed for Church Cleaning Roster

If you have an hour free once every couple of months and would like to help out, please contact the parish office during working hours on 8725 6566.

Parish Mass

A Mount Gambier Catholic community parish mass is held each Thursday of the Term (except Week 1) and is led by a different class or year level each week.

Mass is held at 9:00am in the College Chapel and all parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend.

Roster for Term 3 Masses:

- Week 2 - Thursday 30 July - Year 6
- Week 3 - Thursday 6 August - Year 7
- Week 4 - Thursday 13 August - Whole School online liturgy (No Mass)
- Week 5 - Thursday 20 August - Year 8
- Week 6 - Thursday 27 August - Year 4/5
- Week 7 - Thursday 3 September - Year 10
- Week 8 - Thursday 10 September - Year 9
- Week 9 - Thursday 17 September - Year 12
- Week 10 - Thursday 24 September - Year 11

Michelle Coote | Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission



Have You Followed Us On Instagram?

Throwback to Week 10, when some of our High Performance Sports Program soccer students celebrated the news of Australia and New Zealand hosting the Women's World Cup in 2023!



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A Generous Gesture to New Learning Precinct

We thank staff member Jeanette Maxwell and her husband John who volunteered their time and talents to the Gilap Wanga Learning Community garden in the school holidays. The pair were generous enough to donate all the plants and bark, to ensure that the Poplars Learning Community is looking wonderful for the start of Term 3.

Jeanette and John, who have had a very long association with the College where their children, Ben, Tara, Erin and Adam attended, have been assisting the College with the native planning of the whole Gilap Wanga precinct.

We sincerely thank Jeanette and John for giving up their time, talents and for donating the plants and bark!

Shining In the Classroom

As part of the Year 8 Pastoral Care program, students Mia Watt and Jess Stutley have been exploring the topic of 'beauty' and what it means to be 'beautiful'. The focus is on shifting the stereotype of beauty as a physical ideal, to a broader idea of personality, outlook, culture, respect and tolerance.

These students asked their peers what 'beauty' or 'beautiful' means to them and filmed the results.

We present to you a [highlight reel](#) of what some of the students and staff had to say!



The Athlete's Foot Present Cheque to College

On Monday 6 July, a cheque for \$595 was presented to the College by a representative from The Athlete's Foot Mount Gambier. The store ran an in-store promotion where \$5 from every purchase of school shoes was donated back to the school and to go towards classroom equipment.

Well done to the College community in contributing in this excellent initiative!

Pictured above is Paull Smith from The Athletes Foot and David Meziniec.



Construction Progress At the College During the Holidays

The College was buzzing with machinery over the school holidays, with the final stages of construction taking place at our Gilap Wanga Learning Community and the first stage of our Early Learning and Community Centre expansion.

With some glorious weather conditions, we saw concrete being poured, gardens sown, land cleared and flattened and decking laid. Staff members joined in the fun, getting their hands dirty with some turf laying in the Gilap Wanga Learning Community.

It's exciting times at Tenison Woods College and we can't wait to see the final touches of the Gilap Wanga Learning Community come together over the coming weeks.

Pictured above Head of Middle School, Nick Patzel, assists the College Grounds Team in laying turf at the new Gilap Wanga Precinct.



ELCC Graduation Celebrated Last Term

Our Early Learning and Community Centre MacKillop and McAuley students celebrated their graduation on 2 July. There were lots of smiles and happy faces, as students and staff acknowledged a great semester of learning, growing and friendship.

Students performed a song on the day and a video presentation was played. The entire graduation ceremony was recorded and later sent as a link to all families who were unable to attend the graduation ceremony due to COVID-19 restrictions.

We wish the graduating students all the best for their next stage of schooling!

Domenica Dunn | Director of ELCC



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



Year 12's Marvellous Creations

Year 12 Food and Hospitality students made some incredible cakes as part of a major assessment for their Stage 2 SACE. Students spent the last two days of school holidays working on these delicious desserts.

Well done to all students on their amazing work!

Pictured above Year 12 Food and Hospitality teacher Georgja Asimakopoulou and students Maddi Bowden, Izabella Pollifrone, Maria and Kodi Lucas.

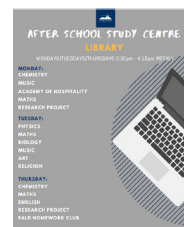


'When We Grow Up At the ELCC'...

During Term 2 the ELCC students explored what they want to be when they grow up. As a celebration to their learning the students were invited to dress up as their chosen careers during Week 10.

The children dressed up as Astronauts, Builders, Ballerinas, Farmers, Nurses/Doctors, Teachers and a Professor in Mathematics to name a few!

Angela Cutting | ELCC Assistant Director



After School Study Centre

This important learning support for Year 8 to 12 students recommences on Thursday 23 July. This Term the Study Centre will be in the Library. Students wanting assistance from staff and/or a warm and welcoming place to study, are very welcome from 3:30pm – 4:15pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please refer to the accompanying [poster](#) for further details about the particular subject support available each day.

Please email Centre Coordinator Chris Lloyd at lloyd@tenison.catholic.edu.au with any questions you may have.

Chris Lloyd, Nick Patzel and Ciaran Buckley



Creative Churches Made By Year 2's

Our Year 2 Students have been learning all about the Founders of our College, the history of Catholic Education in Mount Gambier and historical sites, as part of their HASS subject. To conclude this learning unit, they each designed and constructed a church for Fr Julian Tenison Woods.

Each student listed the materials and tools needed to build the Church, and then followed designs to build the Churches. They altered designs along the way when challenges arose and also added features to the Churches, such as stained-glass windows, seats, crosses and doors. One of the designs even had a creche area for children. Wow! Well done to the Year 2 students for their creative Churches.

Pictured above Ruban Cella, Alex Hill and Molly Sutton with their Churches.

Kirsty Clifford | Year 2 Teacher

Auskick is back at the College!

As of Tuesday 28 July, any student aged 5 or 6 can join the Tenison Woods College Auskick program which is being run by the High Performance Football Academy students. This program will enable students to learn some new footy skills. Link to the program is [here](#).

- **Start Date:** 28 July 2020
- **Finish Date:** 22 September 2020
- **Time:** 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- **Duration:** 60 Minutes
- **Cost:** \$90 Auskick Registration Fee + \$10 Centre Levy = \$100. Use a 2020 Sports Voucher simply by providing your child's Medicare number during the online registration and Auskick will be FREE! Every child will receive an Auskick medallion at the end of their program.

Any questions, please email myself, Tina Opperman at oppet@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

Tina Opperman | R-7 Sports Coordinator

School Photos *DATE CHANGE*

17 & 18 August (Week 5)

Please note that the dates for School Photos dates hadS changed. They will now be held on Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 August (Week 5). Photo envelopes are currently being distributed to students. The envelope contains your child's unique shoot key.

Reception to Year 7 Students; please return completed photo forms to your classroom teacher.

Years 8 to 12 Students; please return forms to Pastoral Care teacher. Students will need to bring their photo forms on the day, and be responsible for them. (Students in Years 8 to 12 will only have their individual photos taken, regardless of whether they are ordering and can choose to have family photos if applicable).

Family Photo envelopes need to be collected from the front office, which will feature a unique shoot key. Once you have this shoot key, family photo bookings can be made online at www.msp.com.au or return the Family Photo Envelopes need to be returned to the Front Office by no later than Wednesday 12 August. This will ensure your family has been allocated a timeslot, which will be emailed out to you. If you have any queries, please phone the College on (08) 8725 5455.

Jessica Herring | Public Relations, Marketing and Events Manager

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 23 July

- SAPSASA Hockey Tryouts 9:30am to 11:30am for Girls and 12:30pm to 2:30pm for Boys, Blue Lake Sports Park

Friday 24 July

- Rest Day for new Reception students
- National Tree Day

Saturday 25 July

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

Sunday 26 July

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

Monday 27 July

- SAPSASA Netball Tryouts, East Gambier Netball Courts

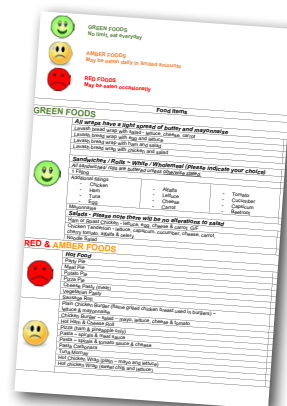
Canteen Roster

Please be advised we offer two shifts for volunteers in the canteen 10:00am until 11:30am and 12:30pm until 2:00pm. If you would like to become a volunteer, please get in touch. 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

As of Week 1 Term 3 we will be resuming normal trading – appointments will no longer be required. Online orders will be processed as normal and can be collected anytime during our trading hours.

Tuesday 8:00am-12:00pm
Thursday 1:00pm-5:00pm

For further enquiries please contact the school at 8725 5455.

Photo Gallery - Around The College



Staff Chris O'Callaghan, Simone Gill and Nathan Fleetwood in the new Gilap Wanga precinct



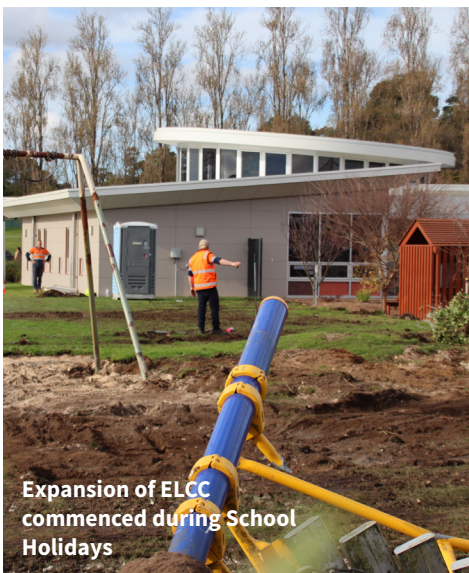
New Reception student Ruby Jaeschke on her first day of School



Year 2 students Max Yeates, Izzy Lloyde and Archie Marlow with the Churches



John Maxwell planting in Gilap Wanga



Expansion of ELCC commenced during School Holidays



Year 9 student Mia Passauer-Jones and Year 1 student Harper Rogers