

Weekly Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2020 | WEEK 3, TERM 3

2021 Curriculum Information Sessions a Huge Success



On Tuesday 4 August the Subject Selection process commenced, with our Years 6, 7 and 8 students attending Gilap Wanga Middle School Curriculum Information presentations.

The atmosphere was electric as Head of Middle School, Nick Patzel and our Director of Learning, Scott Dickson detailed the subject selection process.

The new 2021 Curriculum Information has been launched on our website and sent home to families. On Wednesday 5 August our Head of Senior School Ciaran Buckley will deliver presentations to our current Year 9, 10 and 11 students.

Our 2021 Curriculum Handbooks are available on our website link [here](#).

It's exciting times at Tenison Woods College!

Scott Dickson | Director of Learning



From The Principal

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

On Saturday 8 August we will celebrate the spirit of one of our College founders, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mary chose to make a difference to the society in which she lived in the 19th Century, by educating the poor and helping them build a life through faith and understanding. The feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop is celebrated on the anniversary of her death (8 August 1909) and we acknowledge with deep gratitude the efforts of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

While we celebrate a rich legacy and a significant impact on the weave of Australian society, that commenced over 150 years ago, we also recommit ourselves to the Josephite charism. Just as Mary did, we too are called to make a difference for our time, with a spirit of generosity and simplicity of life, open to the changing needs of society and prepared to stand with people in the ordinary circumstances of their existence. Our College commitment this week to National Homelessness Week is one of the many ways we encourage our young to express their faith commitment through action.

*Through the example of Mary MacKillop,
May we learn to recognise God's will for us and trust in God's providence.
May her life and service be a light to our path,
Awakening in us a deep respect for those who suffer and a passion for justice.
May we share in her courage, see with her vision, and love with her heart.*

Tenison Woods College Reunion – A great deal to celebrate, but next year!

I inform the College community that we have regretfully decided to postpone this year's celebration of the 2020 Shining Light Awards due to the unpredictability of our COVID-19 context. Our 2020 Shining Lights will be acknowledged next year, 2021 and a date for this event will be advised in the coming months.

Tenison Woods College Reconciliation Action Plan Working Party

I invite interested College community members to join our College Reconciliation Action Plan Working Party. The Working Party will have carriage of preparing the College's RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan) in accordance with Reconciliation Australia's process, as indicated [here](#).

Please contact Mary de Nys at denym@tenison.catholic.edu.au or 08 8725 5455 if you would like to join the Tenison Woods College RAP Working Party, and we will determine a mutually convenient time to gather.



From The Principal *continued...*

COVID-19 – We all have a part to play

Thank you for demonstrating care for others in our community by a very deliberate approach to our HHDL strategy, asserting good Health, good Hygiene and hand washing, good Distancing and care for others, and good Learning, regardless of student location.

As you would be aware, the South Australian Government now requires all essential travellers entering the state to have a COVID-19 test every 7 days. This includes students aged 16 years and over. I know our families living in Victoria are already addressing this, as a COVID-19 test result must be provided to an authorised officer (on request) relating to a test undertaken in the previous 7 days. Such families will then continue being tested every 7 days until further notice.

A referral for the test is not required, and a list of South Australian COVID-19 testing sites can be found [online](#). If you are based in Victoria and there are no dedicated testing sites within the 40km zone, the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services recommends contacting your doctor, local health service or local hospital for assistance. More information can be found on the [DHHS testing information page](#), or call 1800 675 398.

You can also call the government's coronavirus health information line on 1800 020 080. The line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

This is a difficult time for our local community and I reiterate that we are here to support you and your children. As I indicate often, my most important task as Principal is to keep each child, family and staff member safe in our community, so please be assured of our steadfast support for all families at this time.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, your Head of School or myself if you have any further questions.

Gilap Wanga Ring Road Approach

We have commenced using the Gilap Wanga Ring Road and I reiterate a few key points for us all to consider in this area:

- The road will be one way entering from the Moorak Homestead entrance and exiting adjacent to the College greenhouse onto the large round about road.
- We ask that merging traffic respect the alternating 'zip merge' approach so that traffic can flow most efficiently.
- I ask that parking on the area occurs from 24 August (Week 6). This is because the turning of wheels in the parking maneuver will tear up the top layer of the hot mix if it is not adequately cured and hardened first.
- We ask that student drop off and pick up does not occur on the Gilap Wanga Ring Road.

Lines will be marked on the ring road and parking area in the Term 3 holidays.

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. 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, and 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.

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.

Parish Planned Giving Rebate

I remind families that parents contributing to the Parish Planned Giving may claim a rebate from Tuition Fees of 50% of their contribution up to a maximum claim of \$750. Official Parish receipts are to be presented to the Finance Department for a deduction to be made.

God Bless,

David Mezinec | Principal



From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

Tenison Woods College Volunteers

Walking around the College at any time of the day, it is usual to see several people working with our students in the classroom.

Volunteers are a valuable part of our Tenison Woods College Community and their contribution is greatly appreciated by staff and students alike. There are many ways you can volunteer around the school, for example:

- Breakfast Club
- Canteen
- Learning Assistance Program (LAP)
- Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG)
- Excursions
- Class Reps
- Library
- Working Bees
- Coaching Sport
- Fundraisers

If you would like to become a volunteer, please collect a Volunteer Pack from the Front Office.

At all times it is important that we know who is on our site. Therefore, we require all Volunteers to sign in. We also require you to read the COVID-19 visitor declaration form situated next to the sign in station at either the Front Office or Pam Ronan Centre.

The only exceptions are listening to reading and working in the canteen. If you are listening to reading or helping in a Reception to Year 5 classroom and you are only onsite until 9.30am you will find a sign in/out sheet in each classroom. The canteen will have sign in/out sheets for volunteers to sign as well.

Please contact the College at 8725 5455 if you are interested in volunteering in any capacity.

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development



CIM Team News

National Homelessness Week

This week is National Homelessness Week and the theme this year is 'Everybody needs a home'.

On Monday 3 August, Sharon and Jen from Uniting Communities spoke to the Year 5 cohort and Mrs Metzger's Year 7 class about the issue of homelessness in the Limestone Coast and what is, and can be, done by organisations and individuals to assist people in need. Students from Year 5 were excited to receive a special friend to take back to their class. These toys will remind students of the visit, but also act as a reminder that these are special items we hold dear in our hearts that others may not have.



Pictured are students Holly Wilson, Isabella Fielding and Nehema Alpha with Sharon and Jen from Uniting Communities

Many classes across the school have taken part in 'Walk a Mile'. The 1.6km walk represents how important it is to think about the position others are in and to not pass judgement until we have 'walked in the shoes of another'.

On Friday 7 August, students from the Senior School will participate in the annual Vinnies Winter Sleepout. The Year 12 Mission Leaders Rosie van Eyk and Ruby Moore will lead in 'sleeping rough' for the night and are encouraging other staff and students to do the same.

Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
"Never see a need without doing something about it"

This Saturday 8 August, is the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first Saint. We send special love and greetings to all the Josephite sisters, who carry on Mary's work in Australia, New Zealand and our world today and to the Mary MacKillop Memorial School and St Joseph's parish community in Penola.

On Friday 7 August, a group of Year 6 students will attend the Feast Day celebration at Mary MacKillop School in Penola along with students from St Anthony's School Millicent.

St Mary MacKillop, intercede for the needs of our local communities in this area that was so dear to you, remember all who are suffering from drought, sickness, poverty, abuse, homelessness or any kind of need...and, as always, bless the children. Dear Mary, pray for us all and lead us to God. Amen.

Year 9 Reflection Day

Next Tuesday 11 August, the Year 9 students will participate in their annual Reflection Day. Students will participate in a range of activities across the day that are designed to enhance their connection to self, others and God. Activities will be focussed around the Servant Leadership theme and will enhance the course content covered in the Religious Education Curriculum.

Family Mass

We look forward to reconvening Family Masses on Sunday 23 August and seeing many of our Tenison Woods College families there.

Volunteers Needed to go on the 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 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, friends are welcome to attend.

Roster for Term 3 Masses:

- 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

School Photos and Family Photos

School photos are being held on Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 August (Week 5).

Family Photos

If you wish to have family photos taken, you/your children will need to collect a Family Photo envelope from the Front Office, fill out the information and return it to the Front Office no later than Wednesday 12 August. This will ensure your family has been allocated a timeslot, which will be emailed out to you.

Individual Photos

Individual photo envelopes have been 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 your Pastoral Care teacher. If you have any queries, please phone the College on (08) 8725 5455.

Jessica Herring | Manager - Public Relations, Marketing & Events Department



SAPOL Visits the ELCC Students

On Monday 3 August the Early Learning and Community Centre children enjoyed a special visit and presentation from South Australia Police (SAPOL) Officers Jade and Kim, as they learnt about the important roles of the Police.

The children enjoyed being junior constables with Jade and Kim, as they wore Police uniforms, sat in the Police car and experienced the lights and sirens. The children are learning the importance of the emergency number '000' and that the Police are here to help keep us safe.

Pictured above Willow Kerr with Junior Constable Jade.

Angela Cutting | Teacher, Assistant Director of Early Learning

Free Online Study Help for Our Students

Tenison Woods College Year 8-12 students have access to a free online tutoring service. Studiosity is designed for after-hours, one-to-one help with homework and study questions.

Studiosity is 24/7 on-demand study help - from one of the many Subject Specialists - with academic literacy skills and core subject support. The 'Connect Live' service offers one-to-one, personal help in real time.

2020 wall planners are available to download and print from their website. These planners include public holidays, school terms and school holidays for each state!

Visit the Studiosity website at the link [here](#). For an information guide on Studiosity, visit our website [here](#).

You can also download the Studiosity mobile app, available in the app store and Google Play store, and link it to the child's account for extra features like saving a question for later, snapping a quick photo of a problem or using voice-to-text technology.

Happy studying!

Scott Dickson | Director of Learning

Whole School Charity Day Thursday Week 4

The Year 12's are hosting activities in the Barrie Holmes Stadium for buddy classes to participate in for a gold coin donation on Thursday 13 August. There will be many subject based lunch time activities on offer for students. Points awarded to the Founder community raising the most amount of money! All proceeds will be for Timor Leste.

Please view the poster [here](#).

SAKG Recipe of the Week Bahn Mi

Please find the recipe [here](#).

Jamie Edwards | Hospitality Teacher





Walk a Mile for Homelessness Week

On Wednesday 5 August, the Year One students in Mrs Lawrie's classroom buddied up with Year 4 students in Mrs Morgan's class and completed the walk a mile (1.6km) 'Homelessness Walk'. The route included walking on the path along White Avenue and then along Shepherdson Road up to the crossing lights. The route was mapped out by Mr Gannon's Year 6 class and can be seen below:



The students thoroughly enjoyed walking with their buddies for such a fantastic and important cause.

Pictured above Fergus Tarr and Jaxon Holmes

Elisa Lawrie | Year 1 Teacher

2021 Subject Selections and Counselling

Senior School Subject Counselling

Our 2021 Senior School Subject Counselling interviews will be taking place from Week 5 this term.

Sessions will be held in the Pam Ronan Centre Lecture Theatre between 8:45am and 6:00pm from Wednesday 19 August to Tuesday 25 August.

In addition to these times, we will also be running two other Subject Counselling sessions. One will be at St Anthony's Primary School, Millicent on Monday 17 August between 4:15pm and 7:30pm, while the other will be at Mary MacKillop Memorial School, Penola on Tuesday 18 August between 4:15pm and 7:30pm.

Emails have been sent out to families, with a booking code to book appointments.

During the interviews, each student will have the opportunity to discuss possible career paths and subjects. Their subject choices will be reviewed by the counsellors to ensure that students' subject selections conform to SACE and tertiary entrance requirements and that the subjects are appropriate for the student's course/career aspirations.

Parents are welcome to attend with their child. Please note: ***If an appointment request is not made, we will allocate a time for your child to be counselled individually throughout the school day, during the counselling timeframe.***

Bookings close at 8:00am on Tuesday 11 August, after which an email will be sent to families who have requested bookings to advise their times. If any changes or cancellations are required after this time please contact Tanya Thomson in the Senior School Administration at 8724 4650.

For those 2021 Year 11 and 12 students who are interested in studying a VET/TAFE course, you will require a 30 minute subject counselling appointment on either Thursday 20 August or Friday 21 August with our VET Coordinator Mrs Joanne MacLean. In this appointment, Mrs MacLean will discuss relevant VET courses and will conduct a subject counselling session. Please call Tanya Thomson in the Senior School Administration to make an appointment for this session (you will not require a separate subject counselling session as you will also select subjects in this appointment).

Ciaran Buckley | Head of Senior School



Open and 8/9 Hockey and Soccer Results

Hockey

Our Open Mixed Hockey team faced off against St Martins at Blue Lake Sports Park on Thursday 30 July.

We opened the scoring but unfortunately couldn't score another goal, and we went on to lose 2-1. An unlucky day but a very close game from our talented hockey players.

Soccer

On Thursday 30 July our Year 8-9 and Open boys soccer teams competed against Mount Gambier High School, with the games played at our College. Our Year 8-9 boys team were victorious with a 7-0 win, while our Open boys unfortunately lost 4-3 in a close game.

Well done to all involved!

Photos of the 8/9 Soccer Team and Hockey Team appear later in the Newsletter.

Nick Kourmouzis | Sports Trainee

Primary Mathematics Association Challenge

Tenison Woods College is proud to be able to offer Reception to Year 7 students the opportunity to voluntarily participate in this year's Primary Mathematics Association Powerful Learners Mathematics and Numeracy Challenge (or PMA Challenge). This is a state-wide competition where students can work individually, in a group, or as a class to complete a project where they investigate the mathematics involved in a topic of their choosing (such as a sporting activity, an experiment, redesigning a room, Lego, etc).

Students will be offered assistance in completing their project at school for one lunchtime session a week in Term 3 (Tuesday lunch in Science lab 603). This can include brainstorming topics, the Mathematic aspects of the chosen topic, helping them perform these investigations and presenting their final report.

This is a great opportunity for students to enact the 'S' in *SHINE* for 'striving for success' and the 'I' for 'getting involved' and challenging themselves.

Students have the whole of Term 3 to complete their project and final submissions are due by Friday 25 September (Week 10) to their class teacher or the Front Office.

If you have any questions, or would like further information about this challenge and the report requirements, a letter and outline is available from myself. Please contact me on 8724 4650 or email courv@tenison.catholic.edu.au. Looking forward to reading about how maths is present in your life.

Vanessa Courtney | SACE Coordinator/Science Teacher

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](#).

Tenison Woods College SAPSASA Update

It has been a busy few weeks in regards to SAPSASA sport with tryouts for hockey, netball, soccer and football all occurring since the start of the Term. On Monday 10 August (Week 4), Tenison Woods College will host the Hot Shots Tennis tournament, with the following students participating:

Year 6

Oscar Livingstone
Maggie Collins
Archie Aitken
Elodie Adam

Year 7

William Le Cornu
Toby Stutley
Kobe Cole
Fergus Kentish

The SAPSASA Hockey teams have been finalised with the following students being selected to represent the Lower South East Region:

Noah Clark
James Miller
Jeremy Mackenzie
Owain Earle
Archie Aitken
Sarrah Ryan

The SAPSASA Girls and Boys Soccer teams have been finalised with the following students being selected:

Boys

Kobe Cole
Marcus Gajic
George Reichelt
Nico Teodoro
Patrick Dycer
Finn Dickson
Kade Turnbull
Fergus Kentish
Jacob Salmon

Girls

Louise O'Callaghan
Isabella Morello
Ruby Shepherd

SAPSASA District Basketball is being held on Friday 7 August at the Icehouse. Many thanks to Tom Daly for organising and coaching the teams and we wish the following students all the best:

Boys

Harry Carroll
Riley Lawrence
Ryan Kloak
Cooper Clayfield
Robert Case
Oliver Pohlner
Isaak Bouchier
Jacob Salmon
Henry Pedler
William Humphries
Fergus Kentish
Benjamin Braithwaite
Owen Feetom
Lewis Sigley
Seth Fraser
Bailey Noble
Toby Stutley
Curtis Page
Cooper McCann
Brodie Szopory
Desire Kinyamba
Charlie Hinchcliffe

Girls

Lily Brook
Maggie Collins
Elodie Adam
Meah Beveridge
Ruby Mitchell
Maddison Harrold
Alex Hudson
Sienna Lewis

Many thanks to the 12 students in Year 8 who will be volunteering as officials for the basketball tournament.

The SAPSASA football squad is finalised and we congratulate the following boys who will play in Adelaide next month:

Robert Case
Isaak Bouchier
Riley Lawrence
Jacob Salmon

We wish all these students the best of luck!

Tina Opperman | Reception - Year 7 Sports Coordinator



Open Boys Football Team Successful at Regional Carnival

In the first game against Grant High School on Tuesday 4 August, Tenison jumped out of the blocks and controlled the game with ease. In what was cold and windy conditions the boys were able to handle the ball with flair and set up numerous attacking plays.

After Mount Gambier High School defeated Naracoorte High, the stage was set for a close and competitive final. Mount Gambier High School kicked the first two goals of the game with the aid of a strong breeze. The Tenison Woods College backline then steadied themselves and began to gain control of the game. Through the hard work of the midfield and consistent forward pressure the boys came into halftime 8 points in front. With the strong breeze behind them and Josh Cornolo dominating up forward they were able to create many scoring opportunities and come away with the win.

Well done to the boys involved!

Pictured above the Open Boys Football team

Nick Kourmouzis | Sports Trainee

Parish Youth Retreat on Offer

On Saturday, 15 August, there will be a full day Youth Retreat for the young people of our Parish and College Community in Year 7 and above. This event will replace the Robe Weekend Retreat initially planned for this month, which will no longer take place. The day retreat will begin at 9:00am and close with the Youth Mass finishing at 7:00pm, and will include games, activities, discussions, catechesis, adoration, confession and more. The cost will be \$15.00 per participant. If you are interested in attending/having your child attend please RSVP to mgp.youth@gmail.com by Friday 7 August.

Michelle Coote | Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

After School Study Centre

This important learning support for Year 8 to 12 students recommenced 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

Qkr! App Notice

Please be aware that lunch orders made through the Qkr! app, cannot be refunded or reissued if the order is not collected by the end of lunchtime.

We now have on offer new healthy snack options - Yoghurt Cups, Fruit Cups and Raspberry White Chocolate Muffins – all available daily at recess and lunch for \$2.00.

Leanne Sandow | Canteen Manager

Photo Gallery - Open and 8/9 Sports



Upcoming Events:

Thursday 6 August

- 8/9 Boys Football 9:30am-3:00pm, Vansittart Park

Friday 7 August

- LSE SAPSASA District Basketball 8:45am-3:15, The Icehouse
- Mary MacKillop Feast Day, 8:30am-3:00pm, Penola
- Senior School Vinnies Winter Sleepout 6:30pm, Tenison Woods College
- Year 5 Tree Planting Excursion

Saturday 8 August

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

Sunday 9 August

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

Monday 10 August

- Year 8/9 & Open Knockout Netball 8:45am-3:15pm, Olympic Park
- Hot Shots Tennis Tournament 8:45-3:00pm, Tenison Wood College
- Open Boys Futsal Soccer, Adelaide
- Year 12 Drama Production

Tuesday 11 August

- Year 9 Reflection Day 8:40am-3:00pm
- UniSA STEM Girls Inquiry Day 8:40am-4:15pm, UniSA Mount Gambier Campus

Wednesday 1 August

- Year 8/9 Boys Soccer

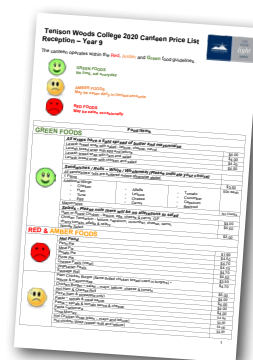
Canteen Roster

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.