


Weekly Newsletter



WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST 2020 | WEEK 4, TERM 3




CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN WEEK AUGUST 10-16

See what **Tenison Woods College** has to offer by viewing the **Whole College Virtual Tour**

➔ Please visit this link: <https://bit.ly/2DEg5ct>



www.tenison.catholic.edu.au



LET
YOUR
light
SHINE

Raising Hearts and Minds at Tenison Woods College

During Catholic Schools Open Week, August 10-16, Tenison Woods College is celebrating Raising Hearts and Minds of all students at the College.

Catholic Schools Open Week focuses on the difference a Catholic Education can make in a child's life. Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions a parent has to make. Catholic Schools Open Week is a great opportunity for families to explore the benefits of a Catholic Education.

In 2021, the College will commence Year 7 as High School and encourages interested students from across the South East to enrol now for this exciting new opportunity to experience the difference Catholic Education can offer. Assistant Principal – Religious Identity and Mission Michelle Coote said “It is always exciting to show new families around the College and to discuss with them the way in which the unique identity of a Catholic school permeates every aspect of what we do and who we are, both on campus and in the wider community”.

With COVID-19 restrictions and considerations around social distancing, the College encourages prospective families to see what is on offer, by viewing the Whole College Virtual Tour, but also welcomes families to book an individualised tour.

Principal David Meziniec comments “Tenison Woods College promotes ‘Communities within Communities’, making sure each student feels connected and is supported by their peers and teachers. The strength of an education at Tenison Woods College is in the Pastoral Care provided to every student and ensuring every learner has a place, every learner has a pathway and every learner will shine. And that’s the Tenison Woods College way.”

From The Principal

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 15 August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Feast of the Assumption commemorates Mary's entrance into Heaven, body and soul.

Mary is a special symbol for Catholics, reinforcing our confidence that death is not an end. In her assumption, Mary is a wonderful sign of hope for us, because after her Son, she is the first to be assumed body and soul into Heaven. Just as Mary's Immaculate Conception is a symbol of what God is doing for all people, her Assumption is also a symbol of what will happen to all people in the ‘ages to come’ when everyone who has died will be given a new and different kind of life.

As Saint John Vianney indicated “Jesus Christ, after having given us all He could give, that is to say, the merit of his toils, His sufferings, and His bitter death; after having given us His Adorable Body and Blood to be the Food of our souls, willed also to give us the most precious thing He had left, which was His holy Mother.”

The Assumption is a feast of profound hope; a hope that inspires all we do as a Christian community, because, as reiterated by Saint John Vianney, “Jesus on the Cross said to the disciple whom He loved: Behold your Mother! How sweet are those words to the Christian who is able to understand what depths of love they contain!”

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 8725 5455 if you would like to join the Tenison Woods College Reconciliation Action Plan Working Party, and we will determine a mutually convenient time to gather.



From The Principal continued...

BYOD – Year 6 Families, ready for Year 7 in 2021

As the year flies by and we look towards 2021, I remind families that if they are thinking about purchasing a device for next year, just check out our Bring Your Own Device page on our [website](#). You can also find this page in SEQTA Engage by choosing the Portals option and selecting BYOD Parent / Guardian Information.

With the current COVID-19 situation and associated wait times for products we encourage families to think about their child's needs a little earlier than they might to ensure that the device is ready for the start of 2021.

Sugarloaf Café

We invite any community members who would like to volunteer in the Sugarloaf Café Thursday or Friday mornings to contact Mary de Nys. It is asked that volunteers have hospitality experience.

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 Lights Awards due to the unpredictability of COVID-19. Our 2020 Shining Lights will be acknowledged and celebrated next year on a date yet to be confirmed.

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 **H**Health, good **H**Hygiene and hand washing, good **D**Distancing and care for others, and good **L**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 this 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 COVID-19 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, 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.

OSHC Renovations

I advise families that renovation works on the OSHC facility will be commencing as of next Monday 17 August.

Below is a summary of the interruptions to our 'normal' operations. We will send out reminders as each date draws closer:

- Entrance to and from OSHC from the 17 August will be through the doors at the southwestern corner of the Gym.
- We will be relocating to the Pam Ronan Centre from the 31 August to the 12 September.
- We will be using the Gym for after school care on the 3 September and 8 September.
- We plan to return after school care to the OSHC room from the 14 September. Before school care will remain in the Pam Ronan Centre.

We hope to resume normal operations from the OSHC facility as of the 28 September. We apologise for any inconvenience in the short term, but we look forward to moving back into the newly renovated OSHC room upon its completion. We are also excited about the learning and care opportunities that the renovations will afford our young.

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 roundabout 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.

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 after the 30 June 2020 for a deduction to be made.

God Bless,

David Mezinac | Principal



From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

School Photos next Monday and Tuesday

During Week 5 we have our annual school photos. These are a great family record of school years for our children. It is wonderful to look back and see how that shy gap-toothed 6-year-old has turned into a very self-assured 16-year-old. While those staff supervising do their best to ensure students are well presented, we ask that parents check their children prior to leaving home. Students are required to wear full winter uniform, which includes their jumper. Hair is to be neat and tied back if shoulder length or longer and earrings are to be a small stud or sleeper, as per [Uniform Policy](#).

Student Attendance at Start of the Day

There are an increasing number of students who are coming to school very early. While it is great to see they are enthusiastic about being here so early we do not have any formal staff supervision until 8:15am. If possible, could you please adhere to this time. If it is an issue there is always Out of School Hours Care, or else please contact me and we will see how we can support you with this issue.

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development



CIM Team News

Year 9 Reflection Day

The scene was well set for a day focusing on Servant Leadership by a key note address by Sharon and Peter, Homelessness Workers from Uniting Communities. In their House Teams all students then competed for house points undertaking a variety of activities throughout the day. These included cooking for the Sunset Kitchen, building a homeless shelter from cardboard and a Homeless Support Agencies scavenger hunt on buses through Mt Gambier.

Students were challenged to focus on the needs of others, to be inclusive and to problem solve. The day ended with a thoughtful Liturgy, including a special blessing and a beautifully tuneful sing along.

Youth Mass

There will be a Youth Mass followed by a Youth Group gathering this Saturday night 15 August. Mass will be at 6:00pm and the music and readings will be led by the young people from our Parish. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Liturgy of the Word for Children will restart this weekend. At both the 6:00pm Saturday Mass and the 11:00am Sunday Mass, children who have not yet celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be invited to leave the Church with the LOWC leaders. The group will go to the hall and will listen to a child's version of the gospel, participate in activities to reinforce the message of the Gospel and pray together before returning to the Church during the Offertory Procession. Liturgy of the Word is a wonderful way for children to engage with the Gospel of the day and also provides parents with some time during the Mass to engage more fully in prayer and reflection.

Family Mass

We look forward to reconvening Family Mass on Sunday 23 August and seeing many of our Tenison Woods College families there. If your child would like to be involved in the singing for this Mass please contact Beth Creedy at creee@tenison.catholic.edu.au. If your child would like to read at this Mass please contact Cisca Teodoro at the Mt Gambier Parish office on 8725 6566.

Parish Mass

A Mt 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 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

Whole School Charity Day Tomorrow

This Thursday 13 August will be a Whole School Charity Day, raising funds for Timor-Leste. The Year 12 cohort will be hosting activities in the Barrie Holmes Stadium for classes to participate in. Entry is a gold coin donation, which will allow students to participate in all activities within the stadium.

There will also be many subject based lunch time activities on offer for students, each activity incurs a gold coin donation to participate.

Students are encouraged to wear their PE uniform. Points will be awarded to the Founder Community raising the most amount of money!

At the end of the day a 'Hot Seat' Quiz will be held with 10 brave staff members and students participating.

Please click [here](#) to view the range of activities on offer.

School Captains Jessica Snell and Ethan Herpich

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](#).



2020 Annual Senior School Winter Sleepout

Did you know that on any given night across Australia approximately 28,000 young people under the age of 18 experience homelessness? The factors that lead to homelessness amongst young people are out of their control and our Senior School students were challenged to raise awareness of this issue and to ensure that every young person has the opportunities that they deserve.

On Friday 7 August, a number of Year 12 students were involved in the annual Senior School Winter Sleepout. This event allows our students the opportunity to experience a night of sleeping in cold winter conditions. A simple meal of soup and bread was provided, generously donated by staff and families, and students spent the night under the Sails as the winds increased and the temperature dropped.

As part of their awareness raising, students also encouraged the wider Senior School community to make donations towards purchasing a swag that will be donated to the Mt Gambier St Vincent de Paul society. This swag will then be passed on to a member of our local community in need during the winter months. Currently, students have raised over \$450 towards purchasing a swag which is an amazing effort!

A big thank you to the staff and families who donated soup, bread and firewood for the evening, staff and students who came out throughout the night to support the students and to Mr Jason de Nys who also braved the cold by sleeping out with the students.

Chloe Shanahan | 10 - 12 Catholic Identity and Mission Coordinator



School Photos and Family Photos NEXT MONDAY & TUESDAY

School photos are being held on Monday 17 & 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 tomorrow morning, Thursday 13 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 or the Front Office (Year 8/9) or PRC Office (Year 10-12). If you have any queries, please phone the College on (08) 8725 5455.

For Monday's Class Schedule, please click [here](#).
For Tuesday's Class Schedule, please click [here](#).

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



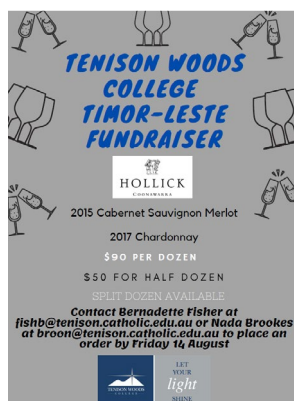
Year 5 Collaboration with Red Tail Black Cockatoo Recovery Project

On Friday 7 August the Year 5 cohort joined Bronwyn Perryman from BirdLife Australia, Cassie Hlava from Trees for Life and Aboriginal elder Doug Nicholls for some activities at Wandilo. The group spent the day bird watching, learning about some Aboriginal traditions and tree planting.

Our College has a long and great association with the South Eastern Red Tail Black Cockatoo Recovery Project. Thank you to Bronwyn, Cassie, Tess and Doug for collaborating with our students for such an important cause!

Pictured above (L-R): Year 5 students Scott McBain, Banjo Morgan and Esaie Kulimushi

Tina Opperman | Year 5 Teacher



Fundraiser for Timor-Leste

The 2020 Timor Immersion has been postponed until further notice; however, we would still like to continue to support our friends at the Dominican Orphanage in Dili and our sister school, Francisco Xavier College in Hatolia. We have decided to organise a wine fundraiser.

To donate to this cause and for more information on the wine we have on offer, click [here](#).

While there are currently no active COVID-19 cases in Timor, the country was already in recession and the state of emergency worsened the social and economic conditions that already existed. The people of Timor-Leste already deal with many day-to-day issues such as hunger and malnutrition, very few formal and secure jobs, and a high poverty rate. These problems have only escalated during the current crisis. Our small monetary contribution will show that we are thinking of our friends at the Orphanage and school.

Orders will close Friday 14 August.

In the words of Mother Teresa 'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.'

We appreciate your support.

Bernadette Fisher | Timor-Leste Immersion Coordinator



Students Participate in Golf Simulator Sessions at Local Business

During Week 3, Year 11 Health and Physical Education students enjoyed a Golf Simulator session with Craig Davis at 'GolfnMore'.

The students have been learning about the bio-mechanical principles that are associated with a golf swing, with a particular focus to the lever system. This learning opportunity was a huge success and we thank Craig for sharing his knowledge and time to the students.

Brad Maney | HPE Teacher



Year 8/9 Knockout Football Team Wins Regional Round

On Thursday 6 August the College Year 8/9 boys football team played against Mount Gambier High School and Naracoorte High School in the Regional Knockout Competition.

The team had a strong start with fantastic movement and play, enabling plenty of scoring. The boys took every opportunity for contesting throughout the day, which then gave them a strong lead against Mount Gambier High and Naracoorte High.

The boys won their first game against Mount Gambier High, and then competed against Naracoorte High in the final, where our team were victorious.

The teams' strength, fantastic form and team work was of high levels throughout the day with the final scores:

Tenison Woods College (88) defeated Mount Gambier High School (12)
Tenison Woods College (81) defeated Naracoorte High School (9)

Ciaran Buckley | HPSP Football Coach



SAKG Seed Packets Available from Library

Students in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program have been busy collecting, saving, sorting and packaging seeds from the school garden for the 2021 re-launch of the beautiful seed library initiative.

Seed packets are scanned through the school system for accessing and when plants from those seeds bear their own seeds, they can be returned to the library to be shared again. Year 5 students have started the term by designing these beautiful seeds packets for the library and learning about the potential of seeds, to encourage people to grow their own gardens and plant habitats for wildlife.

What a fantastic initiative!

Jen Mc Court | SAKG Co-Coordinator R-7



150 Students Involved in Tree Planting at the Rail Lands

On Wednesday 5 August 150 eager Tenison Woods College Year 6 and 7 students were involved in the inaugural planting of the Rail Lands Revegetation Project.

This initiative sees students and teachers solidify the College's strong commitment towards sustainability with local action, made possible through partnerships with Nature Glenelg Trust, Limestone Coast Rail Trail Committee and the City of Mount Gambier.

Tom Linnell | Early Years to Year 12 Sustainability Coordinator

2020 Commonwealth Census

In accordance with Australian Government Guidelines, the Commonwealth Census was undertaken on Friday 7 August. A [link](#) has been provided for a copy of the Department's Privacy Notice. The notice provides information about why the data was collected and the purpose it will be used for.

Any enquires or questions please contact Finance Manager, Jessica Lindner at lindj@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

Jessica Lindner | Finance Department



Year 8/9 and Open Knockout Netball Success

On Monday 10 August our Year 8/9 and Open girls netball teams competed at Olympic Park netball courts in the State-wide Schools Netball Competition. Both teams were successful on the day winning all matches and will now compete in the State Championships in Adelaide on Tuesday 15 September.

Year 8/9 Girls

The Year 8/9 Girls were coached by Kaitlin Egan and played well as a team all day in perfect weather conditions. The team showed great versatility throughout the minor rounds with their toughest game against Millicent High School in round 3. The girls worked hard to win by 6 goals in a tightly contested match. The Grand Final against Naracoorte was established in the second quarter where the team kept the opposition scoreless and shot 12 goals to gain a lead of 18 at half time. They went on to win by 21 goals in another great team effort.

Minor Round Matches

Tenison Woods College (32) defeated Penola High School (2)
 Tenison Woods College (36) defeated Grant High School (9)
 Tenison Woods College (15) defeated Millicent High School (9)

Grand Final

Tenison Woods College (35) def Naracoorte High School (14)

Open Girls

The Open girls were coached by Donna Denton and captained by Tyne Bosco. They won their minor round games convincingly before playing a tough Grand Final against Mount Gambier High School. The girls had to work hard after being down by 4 early in the match. They were able to gain some vital touches in defence and shot accurately in the second quarter to be up by 4 at half time. The third quarter was the match winning quarter where they used their speed to set up a 12 goal lead and went on to win by 17 goals. It was a great team effort by the girls.

Minor Round Matches

Tenison Woods College (35) defeated Penola High School (5)
 Tenison Woods College (41) defeated Grant High School (1)
 Tenison Woods College (17) defeated Millicent High School (7)

Grand Final

Tenison Woods College (44) defeated Mount Gambier High School (27)

Donna Denton | HPSP Netball Coach



Students Celebrate St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day

"Never see a need without doing something about it."

Sunday 9 August was the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first Saint. 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.

Four students represented the College at Mary MacKillop School on Friday 7 August, as they celebrated the Feast Day with Mass and fun activities. Students were blessed by Father Michael using the St Mary relic donated by the Sisters of St Joseph.

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.

Pictured above (L-R): Andrew Hinchcliffe, Jack Holmes, Ruby Shepherd and Charlee Spicer in Penola

Chris Lloyd | Religious Education Teacher

Book Week Celebrations at the College

This exciting week will be celebrated in Week 6 of this Term; 24 to 28 August. We have a fabulous theme, 'Curious Creatures: Wild Minds', as our inspiration for our library, classroom activities and for dressing up on the Friday of that week.

Please note there will be no Parade in the Gym this year.

Some dress up ideas students have shared include a 'mixed-up' creature, adding something curious or wild to an existing costume, curious occupations such as scientists, explorers and astronauts, adding wild hair or curious shoes to a usual outfit or putting a twist to a character. We ask please that only hair chalk be used for hair, not coloured hairspray.

As always, the library will be having a range of competitions and activities for students before and during our favourite week of the year. Further details of these will be in future newsletters.

Chris Lloyd | Teacher Librarian



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

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 13 August

- Whole School Charity Day for Timor-Leste
- Whole School Liturgy 8:45am, Online

Friday 14 August

- Junior School Jump Rope for Heart 9:00am-1:20pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium

Saturday 15 August

- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- St Paul's Catholic Church Mass, 6:00pm

Sunday 16 August

- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- St Paul's Catholic Church Mass, 11:00am

Monday 17 August

- Year 8/9 Mixed Hockey, Adelaide
- School and Family Photos - Lecture Theatre, Pam Ronan Centre
- 2021 Senior School Subject Selections 4:30pm-7:30pm, St Anthony's School Millicent
- 2021 Year 7 & 8 Subject Finalisation 5:00pm, St Anthony's School Millicent

Tuesday 18 August

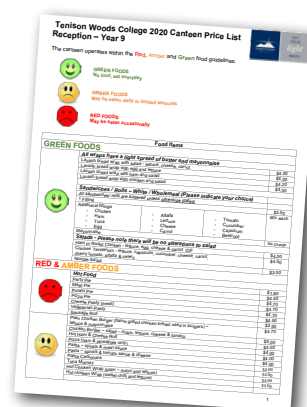
- School and Family Photos - Lecture Theatre, Pam Ronan Centre
- 2021 Senior School Subject Selections 4:30pm-7:30pm, Mary MacKillop Memorial School, Penola
- 2021 Penola Year 7 & 8 Subject Finalisation 4:30pm, Mary MacKillop Memorial School
- 2021 Naracoorte Year 7 & 8 Subject Finalisation 6:40pm, St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

Wednesday 19 August

- 2021 Senior School Subject Counselling Sessions, Tenison Woods College Pam Ronan Centre
- Sacrament Of Reconciliation 4:30pm-6:30, St Pauls Church

2020 Canteen Pricelist

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



Uniform Shop Opening Hours

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

For further enquiries please contact the school at 8725 5455.