

TENISON WOODS COLLEGE

Early Learning to Year 12 | Co-Educational Catholic College

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Weekly Newsletter





College Alive in a Sea of Yellow for R U OK? Day

On Thursday 10 September the College raised awareness for R U OK? Day. To highlight the importance of checking in on the wellbeing of others, we had a number of activities organised by our incredible student leadership team. These included a pledge-table where students pledged to ask their friends 'R U OK?', live music under the sails performed by our talented Rock Band, a scavenger hunt, tug of war, delicious food made by our hospitality students, basketball, football and soccer matches and a disco in the Barrie Holmes Stadium, to promote healthy and positive wellbeing.

Pastoral Care lessons were organised for students including guest speakers, to reinforce the importance of self-care and care for others. All money raised from the day will go towards funding grocery items for the Breakfast Club and lunches for our students.

Are you OK? is a question we need to ask genuinely and sincerely any time we notice signs that someone may be struggling. But there is more to say after R U OK? When someone says they're not OK, make time to listen, encourage action and check in. To help people keep the conversation going when someone says they're not OK we're encouraging everyone to learn what to say after R U OK? For more information on how to ask the R U OK? question, please click here.

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing

Pictured Top (L-R): Amelie Beltakis, Jessica Snell, Ethan Herpich and Sophia

Pictured Bottom: Poppy Window and Sophie Dunne

From The Principal

R U OK? and SHINE-ing Bravely

Thank you to our wonderful leaders of the College for organising a very successful R U OK? Day. A huge effort from all the following: the Year 12 Leaders, the Middle School Council and STAR Representatives which were led by our Wellbeing Leaders Amelie Beltalkis and Sophia Weston and supported by the Wellbeing Team, HPE Team, Hospitality Department, Music Department, CIM Team, the Canteen, Sugarloaf Café and the Finance Department.

Thank you also to our teachers in supporting students during lessons for creating awareness about caring for one another through deliberate conversations.

The money raised from the day will fund lunches for our students and our Breakfast Club, an activity which ensures that students start the day well-nourished and well connected.

International Day of Peace

Monday 21 September is the International Day of Peace and the 2020 theme is 'Shaping Peace Together', which celebrates the day by spreading compassion, kindness and hope in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. We stand together with the United Nations against attempts to use the virus to promote discrimination or hatred. The Day of Peace helps us realise that we can shape peace together. The International Day of Peace is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. This year is particularly significant: It is the 20th Anniversary of the UN Resolution on the Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, which you will find here.

Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive,



From The Principal continued...

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

- St. Francis of Assisi

Love them Both, Mount Gambier

Love Them Both is a pro-life group formed by Christians in Mount Gambier. Its members are dedicated to the promotion of the right to life of each unborn child and the support of pregnant women in bringing their child to birth and caring for it.

The group, committed to providing a 'voice for the voiceless,' continues to meet and will plan further action. The next meeting is on Thursday 17 September at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space of St Paul's Church. Please contact Father Dean for further details or refer to the insert in last Sunday's Parish Bulletin for details of the current proposed law reform, which is due to come before parliament before the end of the year.

HHDL Four Point Plan

I thank you thus far for your attention to HHDL Four Point Plan; good **H**ealth, good **H**ygiene and hand washing, good **D**istancing and care for others and good **L**earning regardless of student location. This approach has stood us in good stead this year, and I ask that we all continue deliberately with the HHDL approach.

BYOD - YEAR 6 Families, ready for Year 7 in 2021

As the year flies by and we look to 2021, I remind families that if they are thinking about purchasing a device for next year, check out the Bring Your Own Device page on our <u>website</u>.

You can also find this page in SEQTA Engage by choosing the Portal 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 to ensure that the device is ready for the start of 2021.

The Catholic Faith - Information Night

Interested in the Catholic Faith? Wanting to know more? Wanting to become a Catholic? You are invited to an Information Night into the Catholic Faith, on Thursday, 1 October, at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space of St Paul's Church. For more details please ring Fr Dean or Cisca at 8725 6566.

South East Deanery Retreat Day

Please put Sunday 11 October, in your diary for the Deanery Retreat Day at Naracoorte. Fr Denis Travers CP, Spiritual Director, Parish Priest of the Glen Osmond Parish and Superior of the Passionists at the Monastery will be the director for the day. Come to this day of prayer and reflection to grow in our relationship with the Lord and with each other as his community of disciples. Sunday Mass will be included. More details to follow.

Carpark Care

I remind families during these days of challenging weather conditions to drive at no more than 15km/h while on the College grounds. I also ask that parents/ caregivers accompany young students to and from the council property (Marist Park) adjacent to the Shepherdson Road entrance, across the poplars lined driveway. I ask this in an attempt to prevent any potential accidents which could occur to inexperienced and enthusiastic children, who make their own way from the school grounds to cars parked on the council property.

God Bless,

David Mezinec | Principal

From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

Evacuations

Our students, staff and visitors participated in a Lockdown Drill today.

As part of our Work Health and Safety regulations, we are required to have Emergency Evacuation drills every term; we have either a Fire Drill or a Lockdown Drill. These drills can occur at random times throughout the day which may include recess or lunch.

Students are educated in what is required for each drill and the reasons behind them, however it would be good to reinforce the idea that these drills are practiced for the safety of all those who are on College grounds. If you are on site when an evacuation occurs, please follow the instructions of a College staff member. Throughout the school, there are Evacuation Procedure posters outlining the process during a drill. Please make yourself familiar with the procedure.

Summer Uniform

Term 4 is the official time to change to the Summer Uniform for all students. This uniform is outlined in the Student Planner and on our Website. As part of this uniform the wearing of hats is compulsory for all activities outside the classroom, including recess and lunch. Many students have grown over the winter months and I ask the parents/caregivers check the length of girl's dresses as they may need lengthening. The required length for all dresses is knee length.

Given the variances of Mount Gambier weather, if the temperature is below 23 degrees, students are permitted to wear their winter uniform.

For those students in Year 2 who have outgrown their Reception to Year 2 uniform, they are permitted to purchase the Years 3 to 12 Summer Uniform in preparation for their move to Year 3 in 2021.

The Uniform Shop will be open during the upcoming holidays as well as their usual hours for the purchase of new uniforms. Please refer to page 6 for Uniform Shop trading hours.

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

CIM Team News

Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the

ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we are awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the Season of Creation this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires new ways of living and caring for creation.

The Season of Creation unites the world's 2.2 billion Christians around one shared purpose. With so much injustice all around us, now is the time for Christians everywhere to come together and show the world how to love each other and creation.

At Tenison Woods College our Sustainability focus is grounded in our relationship with our Creator. During the Season of Creation each year we take time to take stock of our wonderful achievements as well as our preferred future.

Year 10 Retreat Tomorrow

The Year 10 students will participate in their Retreat Day tomorrow. Parents of students in Year 10 will have received the information this week through Edsmart. We look forward to hearing all about their day in next week's newsletter.

Youth Mass

The next Youth Mass at St Paul's Church will take place this Saturday 19 September at 6:00pm. The Mass is followed by a meal and a gathering of young people. If this is of interest to you or to a young person you know, please contact the Youth Ministry Coordinator at mgp.youth@gmail.com. Please RSVP for catering purposes.



The dates for these Masses and gatherings for the remainder of 2020 are:

- 19 September
- 17 October
- 14 November
- 19 December

Liturgy of the Word for Children

The Liturgy of the Word for Children is offered this weekend at both Masses - Saturday at 6:00pm and Sunday at 11.00am. We look forward to seeing many children participate in this wonderful faith formation program.

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. Until further notice, due to current restrictions, only staff members and students of the College are permitted to attend.

The roster for Term 3 Masses is:

Week 9 Thursday 17 September – Year 12 Week 10 Thursday 24 September – Year 11

Michelle Coote | Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission



Tenison Woods College is a dynamic Early Years to Year 12 Catholic co-educational College with approximately 1300 students.

We are seeking suitable candidates for the position of: Assistant Principal – Religious Identity And Mission (APRIM)

Applications close 4:00pm Wednesday, 23 September 2020

We are also seeking suitable candidates for the positions of:

- Years 7-12 Arts/Visual Arts Teacher
- Years 7-12 Business, Enterprise & Technology Teacher
- Early Years Year 12 Italian Teacher
- Years 7-12 Mathematics Teacher
- Years 7-12 Science Teacher

Applications close 4:00pm Tuesday, 20 October 2020.

An Information package in relation to this role may be obtained from Mary de Nys at denym@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

Mary de Nys | Human Resources Officer/Principal's PA

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.





Ms Kolhoffer's Term of Dance

Term 3 has seen all Junior School students at the College engage and participate in the Dance Curriculum.

Each year level studied and practised different dance elements such as levels, pathways, locomotor and non-locomotor movements and body bases.

The students also worked on developing balance, moving in unison, repeating movements and creating a canon. A canon is a choreographic movement which is introduced by one dancer and is repeated exactly by subsequent dancers one after the other.

Students have been faced with the challenge of collaborating in groups, developing their own choreography and then applying the various dance elements.

Year 1 students observed traditional Indigenous dances that focused on the movements of animals such as Kangaroos or Emus. In small groups they were required to create choreography that included at least three movements based on the actions of that animal. Year 5 students were challenged to create choreography that included a canon and the use of a prop.

It has been encouraging and very rewarding to see all the students:

- Grow their capacity for flexible thinking;
- · Collaborate with others;
- Develop their willingness to accept different ideas;
- Adapt to change;
- · Work as part of a team;
- Be inclusive; and
- Problem solve.

Pictured above (L-R): Ruby Milich, Bailee Lewis and Therese Pajanga.

Monika Kolhoffer | Junior School Specialist Arts Teacher

Class Placements for 2021

Planning for 2021 classes is about to begin in both the Junior and Middle Schools. Staff give deep and careful consideration to the class placement of students, ensuring the best and most informed educational and wellbeing decisions are made. At the beginning of Term 4, Junior and Middle School students will receive a note from their homegroup teacher regarding this process; please ensure that you discuss this with your child, sign and return the relevant section.

If you feel there are exceptional and valid circumstances for your child that need to be considered, please address these in writing to Jill Rogers, Head of Junior School (Reception - Year 6) at rogej@tenison.catholic.edu.au and Francesca Dickson at francesca.dickson@tenison.catholic.edu.au or Nick Patzel, Head of Middle School (Years 7 to 9) at patzn@tenison.catholic.edu.au by Friday 23 October 2020 (end of Week 2, Term 4). Please note that requests for specific teachers are unable to be considered.

Nick Patzel Head of Middle School and Francesca Dickson Acting Head of Junior School



Year 5 Students Go Back in Time to Colonial Australia

On Wednesday 9 September, the Year 5 cohort travelled to Penola to explore what it was like to live in the colonial past as they have been learning about how the colonial settlement began, what life was like and how it progressed in their history studies.

The trip to Penola included a visit to the Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre, a visit to the School House and a walk down Petticoat Lane as the students learnt more about the history of Colonial Australia. This gave them the opportunity to develop their understanding of how everyday life would have looked in the past.

The students thoroughly enjoyed stepping back in time for the day with their old fashion attire, games and schoolhouse experiences.

Pictured above (L-R): Mitchell Chapman, Axel Page, Banjo Morgan, Ben Imani and Scott McBain.

Nikki Bishop | Year 5 Teacher





College Staff Help Aspiring Teachers in Timor-Leste

Staff at the College can elect to donate a small proportion of their pay to three separate charities. Those being the Marist Teachers College in Bacau Timor-Leste, our sister school, Francisco Xavier College in Hatolia, Timor-Leste, and the Holy Family Care Centre in South Africa.

Angelina Martin is a student attending the Marist Brothers Teachers College in Baucau, Timor-Leste, and was in need of support. With the donations from staff at Tenison Woods College, Angelina will be financially supported for the next two and a half years as she studies to become a teacher. Staff sponsor two other students, Bernardo Antonio Freitas and Maria Imaculada who are both in their second year of studies.

It is wonderful to see that these small monetary contributions are having a big impact in the lives of these three students and helping them achieve their dream of becoming teachers in Timor-Leste.

Pictured above (L-R): Bernardo Antonio Freitas and Maria Imaculada

Bernadette Fisher | Timor-Leste Immersion Trip Coordinator





Stage 1 Geography Students Tour Wind Turbine

On Tuesday 8 September, the small but enthusiastic group of Stage 1 Geographers travelled to the Lake Bonney Wind Farm for their unique, COVID-19 safe field trip.

I was extremely interested in the facts and was fascinated by how far technology has evolved (even in just the last 20 years), given that John was not only able to pause the turbine but change the direction of the blades, all from his own laptop!

- Anushka Kumar (Year 11 student)

In a first for the long-running trip, John Hutchison (Vestas Service Technician) gained the necessary approval from Denmark to showcase a V90 3MW turbine from the nacelle. He was only a mere 80 metres (or three storeys) up, fully harnessed of course; streaming what he was seeing, via his phone, over the Microsoft Teams platform. The students gathered around my laptop in the Tenison Woods College minibus in an effort to gain an invaluable insight into how the wind is converted into the electrical energy that powers a large proportion of the State's generation needs.

From my point of view, I was ecstatic that the trip got the go-ahead. I felt that being on-site whilst John gave us a very personalised tour has enabled each of the students to not only collect some invaluable data for their assignment, but also to deepen their understanding of how this amazing renewable energy source actually works!

- David Cole, Tenison Woods College Teacher.

John Hutchison indicated he was very keen to maintain the existing relationship with Tenison Woods College having, been instrumental in the inaugural 'Sustainable Engineering Challenge' in 2019. 'It was great to be able to facilitate this exercise for the College, and give an insight into what I do on a regular basis. I think it went well and hopefully the students enjoyed the first experience of its kind'.

Pictured above Back (L-R): John Hutchison, Bryce Hammond, Michael Galpin, George Wimshurst and David Cole, Front (L-R): Nadia Munguakwokwa and Anushka Kumar.

David Cole | Geography Teacher

Year 12 Library Book Returns

We ask that Year 12 students please return any books they no longer require to the Library before the end of Term 3. A class list will be distributed to Year 12 homegroup teachers during Week 9.

At the beginning of Week 10 all Year 12 students will receive an individual notice of any library books and text books they currently have borrowed.

Any books not required after Swot Vac can be returned prior to exams and text books must be returned at the completion of each exam or, at the very latest, by Friday 20 November to avoid being invoiced.

If you have any concerns about returning your borrowed books or text books, please do not hesitate to contact me in the library.

Alexandra Nicholson | Library Manager

Huge Success in Netball and Football Knockout State Finals

Open Boys Football

Well done to the Knockout Football Open Boys won the State Final! On Tuesday 15 September, the team travelled to Adelaide to play in the Open Boys Football State Country Final at Thebarton Oval. The boys played against Kadina Memorial School, and came away victorious in a tight contest.

With a very strong first quarter, the team was able to take the lead early. Oli Thomson led a strong forward-line which resulted in the team being ahead by four goals at half-time.

Kadina came back but it was too little too late as the Open boys enjoyed a 13-point victory. The Chris Brown award for Best on Ground was awarded to Oscar Adams.

The final score was - Tenison Woods College 10.9 (69), Kadina Memorial School 8.9 (56)

Best players were Oscar Adams, Noah Sims, Darcy Porter, Billy Shanks, Oli Thomson and Alex Jarnevic.

Well done to the boys on an outstanding achievement!

Brad Maney | HPE Teacher

Year 8/9 Girls

Congratulations to our Year 8/9 superstars who are Knockout Netball State Champions, after coming away with a one goal win in the Grand Final over Blackwood High School, on Tuesday 15 September.

After a slow start to the day, losing to Scotch College 22-12, the girls followed with a strong win against Golden Grove High School 29-14. They then went into a crossover final against St Mary's College in what was a very close game, but came out winning by three goals to earn a spot in the Grand Final.

In the Grand Final, the girls began slowly; in a matter of minutes they were seven goals to one down. However, during the second quarter, the team had an outstanding performance shortening the margin to only one goal down at half-time. For the remainder of the game it was a very close affair, with the match coming down to the final seconds. The spectators were all on the edge of their seats watching the girls lead by one goal with only 15 seconds left of the clock. Blackwood High School then missed a penalty shot, which saw the girls hold onto the one goal margin to become State Champions for 2020, winning 30-29!

An amazing performance!

Open Girls

Well done to the Knockout Open Girls Netball team who finished 4th in the State at the finals in Adelaide on Tuesday 15 September. The girls started off well, drawing 29-29 to Immanuel College (who then went on to win the day). In the second match the girls played same fantastic netball against Tatachilla, winning 30-20, to finish top of their pool.

In their third match the girls unfortunately got off to a poor start and played a game of catch up netball which resulted in the team losing to Trinity College 18-20. In their final match against Scotch College, the girls put up a strong fight to only go down by two goals, with the final scores, Tenison Woods College (41), Scotch College (43).

A fantastic achievement by this group of girls who were also hit with some injuries throughout the tournament.

Kaitlin Egan | HPE Teacher

Stage 1 Creative Arts (Musical) Students Present...



Stage 1 Creative Arts (Musical) students will be presenting the musical 'Annie' at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, Wednesday 14 October at 7:00pm.

Please click $\underline{\text{here}}$ for further information.









After School Study Centre

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 in the Library. Please refer to the accompanying poster for further details about the particular subject support available each day.

Please email Centre Coordinator Chris Lloyd at <u>lloyc@tenison.catholic.edu.au</u> with any questions you may have.

Chris Lloyd, Nick Patzel and Ciaran Buckley



See the Community Noticeboard for posters and notices of upcoming events within our College, and wider community. Please click <u>here</u> to view this page.



Year 9 Students Step Up To Help Young Footballers

This term, a group of Year 9 High-Performance football students have been involved in running the Tenison Woods College Auskick program for Junior School students. Each week the Year 9 boys assisted in the skill development of the young footballers by setting up drills for improving their skills in handballing, bouncing and kicking. It has been great to see the boys give back to the College community by mentoring the next generation of footballers. I am sure that the students, teachers and parents/caregivers have been very appreciative of the boys stepping up to mentor and share their football knowledge and skills. Well done boys!

A big thank you to these boys; Hamish Case, Harry Opperman, Zac Hopgood, Jack Lawrence, Jack O'Leary, Will Ellis and Mitchell Cornolo for helping every week.

Pictured above: Year 1 student Angus Robinson collecting his Auskick award.

Tina Opperman | Year 5 Teacher / R-7 Sports Coordinator





SAPSASA Carnivals Recently Held in Adelaide

SAPSASA Football

Last week four Tenison Woods College students participated in Adelaide at the SAPSASA Football Carnival. The four students who were selected to play in the Lower South East team were Robert Case, Isaak Bouchier, Jacob Salmon and Riley Lawrence. The team finished equal second Midsouth East. Jacob was fortunate to be elected co-captain for the team. The Lower South East team played very well and displayed fantastic sportsmanship.

SAPSASA Netball

Three middle-school students recently represented the Lower South East in the 2020 SAPSASA Netball competition in Adelaide, these students were Maddison Harrold, Ella Jolley, and Sophie Lewis.

There were 10 teams who participated in the carnival at Priceline Stadium, with Riverland claiming 1st place and our Lower South East team finishing 6th. The competition was fierce and the girls loved the experience of playing against other regions, increasing their skills and making new friends. Well done to Maddison, Ella and Sophie on their efforts!

Tina Opperman | Year 5 Teacher / R-7 Sports Coordinator

ILET YOUR light SHINE

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 17 September

- UniSA STEM Girls Program, Adelaide
- Year 10 Retreat, Tenison Woods College

Friday 18 September

- UniSA STEM Girls Program, Adelaide
- Year 1 Mary MacKillop Excursion 9:00am-3:20pm, Penola
- Years 3-5 Assembly 2:05pm-2:30pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium
- Reception-Year 2 Assembly 2:40pm-3:05pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium

Saturday 19 September

· Mass 6:00pm, St Paul's Church Mount Gambier

Sunday 20 September

· Mass 11:00am, St Paul's Church Mount Gambier

Monday 21 September

- Year 12 LAP Presentation 8:40am- 8:55am, Tenison Woods College Lecture Theatre
- · International Day of Peace

Tuesday 22 September

- SAPSASA Golf, Mount Gambier Golf Club
- Years 8 to 10 Knockout Basketball, Mount Gambier Icehouse
- Music Showcase Filming, Tenison Woods College Lecture Theatre

Wednesday 23 September

- Year 8/9 Knockout Boys Football Final, Adelaide
- Year 8/9 and Open Girls Soccer Mini Carnival, Tenison Woods College

QKR! Canteen Orders 8:30am Daily Cut Off

Please be advised that the cut-off period for QKR! School Canteen orders will now be prior to 8:30am (was 9:00am) on the day you wish to order. Any orders received at or after 8:30am via the App will not be processed for that day and will prompt you to select another day to order. Thank you for your understanding with this change to the QKR! App order process.

Please visit the website for the 2020 canteen pricelist or click here.

Jess Herring | Public Relations and Events Manager

Uniform Shop Ordering Online Tips

Boys Shorts

When ordering online there are two types of boy grey shorts:

- Elastic back grey shorts; and
- Belt loop (Milano) grey shorts.

If your child has out grown their size 20 elastic back grey shorts, they will then move to the men's belt loop (Milano) grey shorts in a size 6.

Girls Dresses

 The summer dress sizes range from 4C-16C (C=child shape) and 6A-26A (A=adult shape)

 ${\hbox{\tt Come in or jump }} \, \underline{\hbox{\tt online}} \, \hbox{\tt to order your Summer Uniform, socks and hats now!} \\$

Uniform Shop Trading Hours

The Uniform shop will be closed in the first week of the school holidays, but will be open during the second week on the following days and times:

Tuesday 6 October 8:00am - 12:00pm Thursday 8 October 11:00am - 4:00pm

A traditionally busy time of trading given the change in season, we would ask that our Online shop be encouraged as we will be needing to manage and restrict the flow of customers into the shop at any one time due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements. We will ensure that the Online orders made prior to these trading days are ready for collection during these times.

Term 4 trading will continue as normal:

Tuesdays 8:00am - 12:00pm Thursdays 1:00pm - 5:00pm

For further enquiries please contact the school at 8725 5455.

Photo Gallery - RUOK? Day















