

Weekly Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2020 | WEEK 2, TERM 4

**This Friday 23 October
WHOLE SCHOOL STUDENT FREE DAY**

'Annie the Musical' An Outstanding Success!



On Wednesday 14 October, the Stage 1 Creative Arts (Musical) class presented the musical *Annie* at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. The students hard work and dedication certainly paid off, as they put on an outstanding performance for the socially-distanced audience members that attended the nearly sold-out show. Students worked not only as actors, but also lighting designers, hair and makeup designers and costume designers. A huge thank you to the choir students who also volunteered their time and expertise to be part of the chorus for the show. There were too many outstanding performances to name, but we as a teaching staff are SO PROUD of every single student who was a part of the production! A huge thank you also to Beth Creedy, Jacqueline Zaccardo and Meghan Lynch; and supporting staff who helped to make the show a success.

It is wonderful to see our students SHINE at Tenison Woods College!

Eliza Suggate | Musical Director



From The Principal

We are building, but bricks and mortar is only part of the story...

It is clear to our College community and indeed the broader community, that we are building. We have already built the wonderful Gilap Wanga Learning Community including the contemporary Poplars Inclusive Education Community. The expansion of the Early Learning and Community Centre (ELCC) and the building of the new Reception Centre are further results of a community collaborating for contemporary learning. Behind the scenes we are also continuing with the process of conceptualising the Years 1 to 6 Primary Centre, to be built in 2021, ready for 2022 occupation.

There is a plan ...

We are building, but I ask you to look behind the façade of the build to appreciate the aspiration and processes that give testimony to the far greater project. We are building a faith community which is expressing boldly its preferred future, a preferred future which is explicitly and deliberately coloured by the dimensions of our College Strategic Plan:

- Catholic Identity and Mission
- Excellent Learning Experiences – Rigorous, Challenging, Student Focused
- Proactive Wellbeing Initiatives
 - Communication and Collaboration
 - Community Development
 - Ecological Stewardship and Sustainability
 - School Renewal and Staff Development
 - Student Voice and Leadership



These pillars of our Colleges' strategic plan, are our blueprint for the future and I trust in all these building projects you can see a deep conceptualisation of a coherent 'game plan' for the future. Just as we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, I trust we will also leave a legacy which vibrantly and confidently positions Catholic Education into the future.

It's all about relationships

The glue of all this endeavour and deliberate collaboration are the relationships imbued by our faith; relationships which inspire, challenge and comfort the members of our community. Hence why this Friday's Communities of Practice Conference, CoP20, is so important.

From The Principal *continued...*

It is a celebration of communal and collaborative endeavour conducted in 2020 by teachers and co-educators in the learning environments of our College; an opportunity for staff to reflect on the above challenge and celebrate its reality in the lives of our young. Staff will come to the campfire of the Gilap Wanga Learning Community to accentuate and celebrate the communities of practice which have occurred and the collaboration that has been a feature of a year coloured by COVID-19 and when we have indeed responded to the invitation to SHINE Bravely. The Life Buoyancy Institute Intentional Resilient IMPACT Practice has further brought a deep mindful awareness of the "What? What? How?" to our teaching, support, planning and communication occurring within our school.

The point of all this training is that we are deeply present and responsive to our young – the most precious gift to our families and our College community.

The legacy of awareness, skills and mindsets

At this time of the Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) Living, Learning, Leading Framework, CoP20 is a commitment to continue reflecting on our craft as Catholic educators, who aspire to enable each and every learner at Tenison Woods College to shine, with all the deep reflection, critique, collaboration, humility, professional frailty and wonderful communal success that such whole staff endeavour brings.

The benefits of such endeavour will be richly seen in our Year 12 class this week as they conclude their formal lessons, conclude major assignments and prepare for their final examinations.

While I am delighted at the building projects which are occurring in the College grounds, I am very proud of the awareness, skills and mindsets we are developing in our Catholic faith community and legacy these will leave for future generations. I trust we will see such awareness, skills and mindsets express themselves boldly in this graduating class of 2020.

Celebrating our Year 12 Students

We will formally acknowledge the rite of passage for our Year 12 students and wish them well for the next critical stage of their learning journey this Thursday.

The COVID-19 context has necessitated a modified approach to the assembly for our 2020 Year 12 students, but we anticipate that the morning will be a highlight for the class, enabling the whole school an opportunity to wish the Year 12 class all the best at this significant stage of their learning, and inspire them to put in that extra effort during this period, so that they will be appropriately rewarded with individual and communal success.

HHDL Four Point Plan

I thank you thus far for your attention to HHDL Four Point Plan; good **H** Health, good **H** Hygiene and hand washing, good **D** Distancing and care for others and good **L** Learning 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. As always, we remain alert, not alarmed.

Key Dates for the Commencement of 2021:

A full list of 2021 key dates will follow soon, but to assist with planning, I inform our College community of dates to commence the 2021 academic year:

Thursday 21 January 2021	All Teaching Staff Commence
Friday 22 January 2021	Book Collection Day and Staff Planning Day
Monday 25 January 2021	Staff Planning Day
Tuesday 26 January 2021	Australia Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 27 January 2021	Reception and Years 7, 8, 10,11, 12 Commence Term 1
Thursday 28 January 2021	All Other Students Commence Term 1.

You will note the staggered start to the commencement of the year for students. This approach will assist students in the identified year levels to complete the best possible transition processes with the relevant teaching and support staff. We also look forward to preparing transition programs that will accentuate our relationship with parents and carers in the support of student learning and wellbeing.

Perception Surveys

We at Tenison Woods College are constantly reviewing our offerings and approach, refining as required, with the aim of ensuring that we offer our young the best possible opportunities and outcomes.

To this end I invite our parents/caregivers to participate in a Perception Survey that will offer us data to reflect on the type of learning community we are creating and the type of needs we need to consider, to make the College the best possible. Further details will follow next week, with a link to the survey.

Fee Remissions

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 will lose significant income due to the new COVID-19 restrictions 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.

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 [website](#). 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.

God Bless,

David Mezinac | Principal



From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

Farewell to Year 12s

The Final Assembly for Year 12's is my favourite assembly of the year. It is wonderful to see the Reception students present their Year 12 buddies to the College community at their last assembly. We have come full circle from the start of 2020 year when the Year 12's proudly presented the new Receptions to the school community at the Beginning of Year Mass. It is traditions like this that build a culture of connection, belonging and memories. As with most things in recent times, there will be some modifications to comply with COVID-19 regulations. Whilst Year 12 families are able to attend the assembly, and the cake presentation, space only permits the Senior School and Receptions in the Barrie Holmes Stadium. To allow Years 1 to 11 and ELCC to farewell the Year 12's and wish them good luck for their final assessments and exams, students will form a Guard of Honour from the Barrie Holmes Stadium to the Chapel as students process through to their final Mass. We thank the Year 12 students for their contribution to the Tenison Woods College community and wish them all the best for their exams and future pathways.

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development



CIM Team News

Vinnies Badge Day

Last Friday, 16 October, students and staff from Tenison Woods College volunteered to collect money for the annual Vinnies Badge Day. With their big smiles and positive greetings, they spent the day in front of She's Apples with collection tins and a Tap 'n' Pay machine, collecting donations for people in need in our community.

Each day the St Vincent de Paul society has thousands of people approach them for help and assistance. The efforts of the College community through supporting events such as the badge day and through opening the Vinnies Shop on Crouch Street on Saturday mornings, really does make a difference.

We received a heartfelt thank you from the local Vinnies Chapter for our involvement in the Badge Day. A total of \$1,372 was raised locally, and from this total \$1,090 was raised through the efforts of our students and the staff who supported them. Well done especially to those students who so cheerfully volunteered their time. This money will be used to support people in need in the Limestone Coast.



Pictured (L-R): Year 10's Sari Mutton, Georgie Zema, Keeva Shepherd and Skye Flint at She's Apples last Friday.

Family Mass

The first family Mass for Term 4 will be held at 11:00am on Sunday 25 October. This is an opportunity for children to participate in readings and prayers. We would love to hear from children who would like to be involved. Please contact Cisca at the Parish Office if you would like to read. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, singing at Mass as a group or by the congregation is still not allowed so recorded music will be used. Families of the College are also encouraged to attend this celebration.

Sacramental Program 2021

Mount Gambier Catholic Parish invites parents/caregivers to enrol their children to take part in the Parish Sacramental Program for 2021. This is preparation for a full initiation into the Catholic Church by the celebration of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. There is also an opportunity for those seeking Baptism to be involved in the Sacramental Program and to celebrate Baptism in addition to the other Sacraments. If one of your children is in Year 3 and above and might be ready to join this preparation program, you need to attend the Enrolment Evening to be held at St Paul's Hall on Thursday 5 November from 7:00pm until 8:00pm. The important dates, the structure of the program and the expectation of your involvement will be explained in detail at the meeting.

You will need to bring the Enrolment Form, the registration fee of \$50.00 and a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate to the Enrolment Evening. Please contact the Sacramental Coordinator on 8725 6566 or mgspsacraments@bigpond.com for more information or for a copy of the enrolment form.

Term 4 Masses at the College Chapel

A 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 4 Masses is:

Week 2	Thursday 22 October, Year 12 Final Mass, 11:00am
Week 3	Thursday 29 October – Year 11
Week 4	Thursday 5 November – Year 9
Week 5	Thursday 12 November – Year 6 & 7
Week 6	Thursday 19 November, End of Year Whole School Mass, Gilap Wanga
Week 7	Thursday 26 November – Year 8
Week 8	Thursday 3 December – Year 10

Michelle Coote | Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

Qkr! App Reminders

Qkr! App Reminders:

- Please ensure the Student Profile created for ordering is your child's name (not the parent name);
- Orders need to be in by NO LATER THAN 8.30AM for same day orders (no longer 9.00am);
- Please carefully check day/date of order, and the details of all orders before proceeding to checkout.
- Year 8 and 9 specials are only available to be ordered by these year levels, not for a younger sibling.

If you have any questions regarding the Qkr! App, please contact myself, Jess Herring at herrj@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

Jess Herring | Manager Public Relations, Marketing and Events Department

Music Showcase Now Available to Watch

The Music Department are proud to share with the College community the 2020 Music Showcase! Unfortunately we were unable to host the showcase at Casadio Park this year, however we filmed it at the College and is now available to watch online via this [link](#).

Enjoy some amazing performances from the Concert Choir, Senior Vocal Ensemble, Thunder Drum Corps, Rock Bands, Concert Band, Big Band, Woodwind Ensemble and Brass Ensemble.

Beth Creedy | Director of Music



Open Girls Basketball Team Put Up a Fight in Grand Final

On Thursday 15 October, the Tenison Woods College Open Girls Basketball team competed in the SSSSA Knockout State Championships in Adelaide.

The girls were very enthusiastic to showcase their skills, as they worked very hard right from the start in their first game against Mercedes College. The girls showed great teamwork and determination, as they fought to secure a 6-point win in a tough game, to earn their place in the Division A State Grand Final.

In the Grand Final the girls were up against the much older and experienced Immanuel College. The girls had a great start, putting pressure on the opponent right away by securing early points. The girls battled right until the end, but unfortunately lost by 11 points in a close game. All girls contributed across the two games and their effort and attitudes on and off the court were fantastic.

A big thank you to Tom Daly for coaching the team and also to Year 12 Emily Dawe for assisting.

Heidi Clark | PE Teacher



Tune into Shine FM on 5GTR FM Every Monday

Our Shine FM Media Team are back with another Shine FM radio show! Shine FM is 100% authentic student voice, with student hosts, student production and student content. It contains all the news and events you want from around our College. Last week's show is brought to you by hosts Arabella Bhutia, Ruby Black, Sari Mutton and Jess Tresidder.

We showcased our latest edition over the speakers at Gilap Wanga Learning Community at lunchtime, on Friday 16 October. Students were able to relax in the sun and enjoy music and College news with their friends in their break!

The show also hit the airwaves on 5GTR FM Community Radio (100.1) on Monday 19 October, following the 6:00pm news bulletin. This time slot will be a regular occurrence for our Shine FM show, providing a wonderful opportunity for our media students to gain experience in the industry.

Listen to the Term 4, Week 1 show [here](#).

Scott Dickson | Director of Learning

Year 12 Farewell Celebrations Tomorrow

The last day of formal classes for our Year 12 students will be tomorrow. This is a special day where we celebrate their journey as students at Tenison Woods College and wish them luck with their upcoming exams and study.

A number of significant events are scheduled for the day:

8:00am - Year 12 student breakfast shared with staff - Common Room

9:35am - Year 12 Final Assembly - Barrie Holmes Stadium

Year 12's and Reception students, parents/carers and families are invited to attend as it is a great opportunity to be involved in the celebrations. Social Distancing Measures will be in place.

10:15am - Cake Presentation - Barrie Holmes Stadium

Parents/carers and families invited to attend. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, we will not be able to supply morning tea or tea/coffee – items can however be purchased from the Sugarloaf Café.

10:45am - Guard of Honour

Year 12 students to walk through the school grounds with a Guard of Honour by all year levels to the Chapel. Parents/carers and families invited to the Guard of Honour starting outside of the Barrie Holmes Stadium.

11:00am - Year 12 Farewell Mass - Chapel.

Due to current restrictions, only staff members and Year 12 students are permitted to attend.

12:00pm - Conclusion

We look forward to celebrating the end of our Year 12's time at Tenison Woods College.

Ciaran Buckley | Head of Senior School

Celebrations for Languages Week

In Week 3, Tenison Woods College will be celebrating Languages Week. Throughout the week, students will be given opportunities to participate in a variety of activities that celebrate the diverse languages and cultures we have at the College. At lunch times during the week, Middle and Senior School students will be running activities that focus on different aspects of language and culture. To conclude the week we will be holding the annual Junior School Italian Day. On this day all our Junior School students will participate in different activities focusing on Italian culture including reading the story of Pinocchio, creating flag art, learning about famous Italian artists and playing games of Bocce. Year 4 students will also run the Palio Di Tenison Horse Race event, which is always a hit for students. The day will end with a Junior School Assembly celebrating the activities completed during the week and highlighting the outstanding Italian language skills of our students! This whole week is shaping up to be a truly great celebration of the different cultures, traditions and languages of Tenison Woods College.

Ben Paparella | Languages Learning Area Coordinator



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. Register your details today, via our [website](#).

Class of 2019 Breakfast!



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HPSP Receives Valuable Donation

Thank you to The Athletes Foot for their kind donation of five gift vouchers to the Tenison Woods College High Performance Sports Program.

These gift vouchers will be presented to students who are displaying excellent work ethic, training efforts, consistency, organisation, energy, attitude and teamwork whilst in class.

Nathan Fleetwood | High Performance Sports Program Coach



Students 'hack' their way to the top!

Congratulations to Year 9 students Hayden Luo and Alex McCarthy on finishing Runners-Up for South Australia in the Economic Recovery Challenge category at the recent GovHack competition!

GovHack is an annual, international competition for people who seek to make life better through free-to-use data. Students register to present projects based on challenges in the world using open data.

Alex and Hayden presented their project 'Second Chance', aimed at solving the elderly care, disability and homelessness crisis during COVID-19. This is what the boys had to say about their presentation: "Our project is called *Second Chance*, it is aimed to help those who are homeless, the elderly, the disabled and the people effected by COVID-19. Our projects allows the homeless, elderly and the disabled to work together to create a space where they can all live in peace."

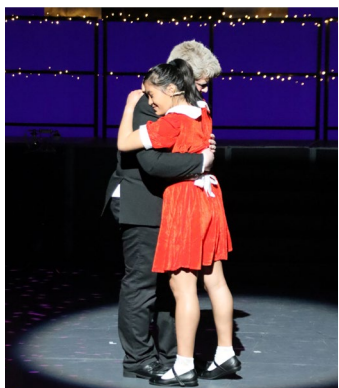
Well done to Hayden and Alex on their terrific result! Watch their submission at the link [here](#).

Saad Habib | Senior Digital Technologies Teacher



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

'Annie the Musical' Performance



Upcoming Events:

Thursday 22 October

- Year 12 Last Day of Formal Lessons
- Year 8/9 & 10 Knockout Basketball 8:30am – 3:20pm, Mount Gambier Icehouse
- Year 7B Excursion 8:55am - 10:15am, Riddoch Art Gallery
- Year 7C Excursion 11:30am - 12:50am, Riddoch Art Gallery
- Year 7A Excursion 2:00pm - 3:15pm, Riddoch Art Gallery

Friday 23 October

- Whole School Student Free Day

Saturday 24 October

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

Sunday 25 October

- Family Mass 11:00am, St Paul's Church

Monday 26 October

- Languages Week
- Year 12 Swot Vac/Tutorial (Until Friday 30 October)

Tuesday 27 October

- Year 9 STEM Science Challenge, Barrie Holmes Stadium

Wednesday 28 October

- Year 8 STEM Science Challenge, Barrie Holmes Stadium
- SAPSASA District Athletics Day 8:30am - 3:15pm, Mount Gambier High School
- Year 8/9 Boys and Girls Knockout Tennis, Olympic Park
- College Board Meeting 7:00pm - 10:00pm, Gilap Wanga Centre



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)

Come in or jump [online](#) to order your Summer Uniform, socks and hats now!

Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Tuesdays 8:00am - 12:00pm

Thursdays 1:00pm - 5:00pm

For further enquiries please contact the school at 8725 5455.

A reminder that hats are compulsory for Terms 4 and 1.