

Weekly Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2020 | WEEK 3, TERM 4

Farewell to the Class of 2020!



On Thursday 22 October, our Tenison Woods College community farewelled our 2020 Year 12 cohort, as they celebrated their last day of formal lessons. It was a day full of emotion and excitement, as families, staff and students alike joined together to celebrate everything our Year 12's have achieved throughout the year and wish them well for their upcoming SACE exams.

Banners of well wishes and congratulations, created by some of the students' parents, lined White Avenue and the College driveway, welcoming students as they arrived for the traditional 8:00am breakfast. Students enjoyed a breakfast of their choice in the transformed Common Room, served by staff members. From there it was off to spend time with their Reception buddies before the cohort took centre stage in the Year 12 Farewell Assembly. In February this year, our Year 12 students escorted our new Reception students to their seats at the Whole School Beginning of Year Mass. At Thursday's assembly, that gesture was returned by the Receptions as they escorted the Class of 2020 into their final assembly. A special thank you to all the students who performed and spoke at the assembly to make it a special occasion.



Following the assembly, students and family enjoyed individual cupcakes made as a gesture of thanks by the Sugarloaf Café to celebrate the Class of 2020. In a new tradition which is sure to become a favourite, the whole College formed a 'Guard of Honour' where the entire school cheered and celebrated as the Year 12's, lead by the Drum Corps, walked through the school grounds on their way to their final Mass. The formalities of the day fittingly finished with the Year 12 Farewell Mass lead by Father Dean.

Thank you to everyone who played their part in making this day a fitting send off for our Year 12s. We wish the class of 2020 all the best with their exams!

Please refer to pages 6 and 7 for more photos of the day.

Ciaran Buckley | Head of Senior School

From The Principal

Honouring our Year 12 Students

Last Thursday we formally acknowledged the rite of passage for our Year 12 students and wished them well for the next critical stage of their learning journey. I thank the students for the way they participated in the breakfast, farewell assembly, cupcake presentation with families, whole school guard of honour and final Year 12 Mass. I also thank to the staff and parents who played their part in making their day special, as well as the Sugarloaf Café for their wonderful catering during the day.

A feature of the day was a 'Guard of Honour' as the Year 12's moved to the Chapel for their final Mass as a Year 12 cohort. The guard of honour symbolised the journey of the Year 12's with us in our College community. At this time as they move to a significant period in that journey, we walk right alongside the Year 12's and we are right behind them. The guard of honour indicated to the Year 12's that they have been very important to us and they will always be very important to us. But in appreciating this communal support and enjoying these rite of passage moments, we asked the Year 12's to remember, when they take responsibility for their future at this time there are often no shortcuts - it takes time, persistence or grit and full presence to reach their potential. They are in the process of creating something very special, so we urged them to give it the space, time and the full attention it deserves.

At this time, I also offer deep thanks to the Parish Rosary Beads Making Group, who presented hand-made Rosary Beads to each individual Year 12 student at their final Mass together. A day of special memories for a group who have made a wonderful impact on our College community.

Student Leadership

At last week's whole school assembly, we thanked our Year 12's for their efforts over the past year as our Senior Leaders. Our Year 12 Senior Leaders also concluded their active leadership in the College so that they have time to prepare for their exams and concluding assignments. At this significant time of transition, we thanked our wonderful College captains, Jessica Snell and Ethan Herpich, for their efforts this year. We also thanked all our Mission Leaders, Wellbeing Leaders, Sustainability Leaders, Sports Leaders, Music Leaders, Learning Leaders, and Founder (House) Leaders for all their efforts.

Jessica and Ethan also had the pleasure of announcing that, from an outstanding array of young people who offered their talents, Sarah McKinnon and Austin Rossi are the College Captains for 2021.

Following on from the student leadership this year, I am excited about the next year of student leadership in the College and I pledge the College's support for Sarah and Austin's efforts so that their servant leadership will have an impact. I also expect that their leadership will be critical to what we as a College achieve and how the student's voice is given expression in our College community.



From The Principal continued...

Working Bee - Saturday 7 November, 8:00am-12:00pm

Can you offer your spare time on Saturday 7 November? During the Working Bee we are particularly looking to finalise the Gilap Wanga community garden by barking, planting and tidying that area of the College. We would love as much help as you can offer – any time you could spare would be appreciated.

Please bring any gardening equipment you think could be of use: gloves, shovel, rakes, wheelbarrow, even your Ute. The Working Bee will commence at 8:00am. Morning tea and refreshments will be supplied with a BBQ available from 10:00am. Please complete the online form that will be emailed to families in the coming day.

Parish Facebook Page

Check out the parish Facebook page, and give it a 'like' and 'follow' [here](#).

All Saints and All Souls'

At this time of acknowledging our College story and Shining Lights, the celebrations of All Saints Day this Saturday, and All Souls' Day this Sunday, call us to remember all those who died before us and have been faithful to the Gospel and which inspire us to live a faith-filled life. Interestingly, the pagan festival Halloween, originated from the word 'hallow', which is an Old English word, literally means holy and can be used to describe Saints. Halloween therefore means All Hallows Eve - or the day before All Saints Day.

These Saints, these souls, these people, have gone before us and responded to the invitations of their time with an imagination, creativity and courage. In honouring their journey, we also commit ourselves to evolving our vibrant faith tradition in a way that honours the past, with excitement for the future, and confidence in a life beyond what we know.

CoP20

Last Friday's Staff Communities of Practice Conference, CoP20, was a wonderful success and very important for our College. It was 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.

At this time of the Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) Living, Learning, Leading Framework, CoP20 was 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.

I trust that the benefits of such endeavour will be richly seen in the creative, challenging and life-giving experiences of our students.

HHDL Four Point Plan

I thank you thus far for your attention to HHDL Four Point Plan; good **H**health, good **H**giene 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. 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.

To complete the survey parents go to the NSIP [website](#) and enter the code **TWC20P** in the Start Questionnaire field. I ask that you please complete the surveys by Tuesday 10 November.

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 Meziniec | Principal



From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

This Friday 30 October is World Teacher Appreciation Day. At Tenison Woods College we believe that everyone who works at the College are teachers; whether they take formal classes, support individual students, maintain grounds and facilities, prepare meals, administer systems and processes or greet parents and visitors. Schools have evolved into very complex organisations, requiring a myriad of people to create the desired outcomes, which is educating and creating pathways for our young. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in our community who work so tirelessly for the benefit of our students.

Last Thursday and Friday we had our Communities of Practice conference, where staff from the College and surrounding school's outlined details of an area they had developed throughout the year. It was inspiring and humbling to see the commitment and passion of staff in their endeavours to enhance student wellbeing and learning. As one presenter stated "when creating individual pathways for students, it is important to build positive relationships first". Building successful relationships takes time and commitment, a thing our staff do very well. So, if you have time this Friday please take the opportunity to show your appreciation for the work of our educators, whatever their role within the College is.

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development



CIM Team News

All Saints and All Souls' Days

The month of November begins with All Saints Day, 1 November, followed by All Souls' Day, 2 November. Traditionally this month the Catholic Church honours and remembers the Saints and heroes of the Church and relatives and friends who have died. We are reminded that living or dead, we belong to the Communion of Saints, that those living on earth, and those who have lived before, are all united in the Body of Christ.

Please see local Parish Bulletins for Mass times on All Saints Day and All Soul's Day.

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 email mgsacraments@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:

Week 3	Thursday 29 October – Year 11 Friday 30 October - Year 4 & 5
Week 4	Thursday 5 November – Year 8
Week 5	Thursday 12 November – Year 10
Week 6	Thursday 19 November, End of Year Whole School Mass, Gilap Wanga
Week 7	Thursday 26 November – Year 9
Week 8	Thursday 3 December – Year 6 & 7

Michelle Coote | Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission



2021 College Captains Announced

We are pleased to announce our new Tenison Woods College Captains for 2021, Sarah McKinnon and Austin Rossi!

2020 College Captains, Jessica Snell and Ethan Herpich followed the tradition of announcing the new Captains at the final Year 12 assembly and passed the candle over to Austin and Sarah, pictured above. We look forward to Sarah and Austin stepping into the role for 2021!

Pictured above (L-R): 2021 College Captains Austin Rossi and Sarah McKinnon with 2020 College Captains Jessica Snell and Ethan Herpich.

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



Purchasing Additional 2019 College Yearbooks

If anybody would like to purchase an additional 2019 College Yearbook, the cost will be \$35.00.

Please contact the Front Office to place your order.

Tracey Davey | Enrolment Registrar/Office Manager



Students Have One-on-One Time with an Olympian

Year 4 and 5 students recently participated in an online discussion with Olympian Sophie Edwards through 'Olympics Unleashed Online'.

Olympics Unleashed Online allows students to connect with athletes via video-conferencing formats, such as Zoom or Skype. Athletes share how to build resilience, overcome challenges and work as a team to inspire students to be the best version of themselves – an important message during this year full of new challenges.

Sophie, who is a current member of the Australian Cycling Team, spoke to our students about her love for the sport, goal-setting, her highs and lows and her role within the team. This was an amazing opportunity for our students!

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



Old Scholar Jack Annear Captivates Year 10's With Life Story

On Thursday 22 October, the Year 10 cohort had a visit from a Tenison Woods College Old Scholar Jack Annear. He shared invaluable lessons about resiliency and the strategies he employed to overcome a horrific car accident in 2007.

Jack captivated the audience with his sleek presentation and personal anecdotes related to his recollections of the accident. Jack went into great detail about the recovery process that involved multiple surgeries and even being prescribed one fast-food meal a day! The focus of the visit centred on the five main skills Jack employed to become the resilient person he is today.

Many students stayed afterwards including our Shine FM students who conducted an interview with Jack and to gather an understanding of how to apply some of these core ideas to their own lives. We look forward to Jack returning to the College in 2021.

Pictured above (L-R): Arabella Bhutia and Ruby Black interviewing Jack for Shine FM.

David Cole | Year 10 Wellbeing Coordinator and PLP Key Teacher



SAKG Colouring Competition Results

In Term 3, students from across the College were encouraged to submit a piece in the Fairy Garden Mindfulness Colouring Competition. The students had to colour in a replica of the Fairy Garden, which sits on the Library desk.

Congratulations to Alyssa Hill in Reception, Achol in Year 1, Flick Lamond and Annabelle in Year 3 who submitted fantastic pieces and received mini planting packs. Thank you to everyone who also submitted a piece.

Pictured above (L-R): Alyssa Hill and Flick Lamond with their artwork.

Jen Mc Court | VET Academy of Hospitality Teacher / SAKG Co Coordinator R-7



A Touch of Paris in Hospitality

As our advanced students enter their final weeks of Certificate 2 course in Hospitality, students are exploring the ways they talk about foods in professional settings. Students have composed sweet fondue platters and cheese tasting boards in class and discussed food qualities and recommendations after completing the assessment tasks for the unit. They shared their cheese boards with each other using Parisian décor. Pictured here at the amazing cheese tasting boards!

Jen Mc Court | VET Academy of Hospitality Teacher / SAKG Co Coordinator R-7

Celebrations for Languages Week

During this Week, the College is 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, 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



Students Learn How to Track Birds at Piccaninnie Ponds

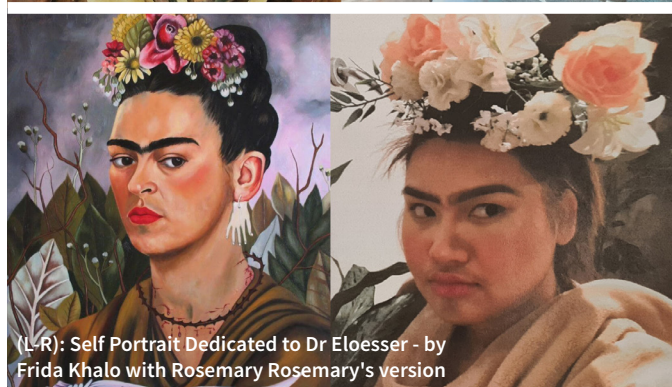
Year 11 Biology students recently went on an excursion to Piccaninnie Ponds to participate in activities for National Water Week. The Year 11's learnt about the significance of the Piccaninnie Ponds wetlands to resident and migratory shorebirds, some of which fly to and from Siberia every year! The students worked with Maureen from Friends of Shorebirds South East (FOSSE) who showed how the birds are tracked and monitored. The students also heard from ecologists from National Parks and Wildlife about the variety of organisms in the region and the positive impact that remediation of the wetlands is having, transforming degraded farmland back into productive fens (wetlands). This fits very closely with the current work that the students are doing regarding food webs, human impacts and ecological succession.

Pictured above David New (Aboriginal Engagement Officer) and Damian Bickley (NRM Education LSE) presenting to the students.

Jason de Nys | Science Coordinator and Mathematics Coordinator



(L-R): Emmett Kelly - by Greg and Linda Halom with Bae Na Ha's version



(L-R): Self Portrait Dedicated to Dr Eloesser - by Frida Khalo with Rosemary Rosemary's version

Shining in the Classroom

Captured!

Year 10 Visual Art students have been stretching their creative muscles in a series of photographs they took, which were inspired by famous artworks. They recreated, recontextualised, captured and then edited their compositions using costumes and props found at school and their homes. Pictured above is the fantastic work by Bae Nae Ha and Rosemary Rosemary along with the original artworks of Greg and Linda Halom and Frida Khalo.

Meghan Lynch | Teacher/Arts Learning Area Coordinator



Precious Plastic in Year 8 Design and Technology

Over the past six months, the Tenison Woods College Sustainability Team have been working towards linking our goal of being a zero-waste school by 2025 with our Design and Technology curriculum. With the introduction of specialised equipment we have made (a big thank you to DMK Engineering), students are now involved in collecting, sorting, shredding and then pressing recyclable plastics into a new sheet. This entire process has been included in the Year 8 Design and Technology program, educating students about consumption and recycling, circular economies and stewardship for creation. Each student involved has designed a 10cmx10cm recycled plastic square that will be turned into a unique key tag. Thank you to the families in our community, especially the ELCC, who collected, sorted and donated number two, four and five lids.

Tom Linnell | Early Years to Year 12 Sustainability Coordinator



Basketball Teams Dominate at Knockout Competition

The Year 8/9 and 10 Boys and Girls teams did a fantastic job representing Tenison Woods College last Thursday, 22 October, at the local knockout competition. Our Year 8/9 teams were very impressive, beating both oppositions by big margins displaying excellent team work and concentration. Year 9's Siobhan Adams, Portia McRae and Ellie Bouchier constantly displayed leadership by guiding the Year 8's on the team. For our Year 8/9 Boys, the team consisted of the core group of the High-Performance Sports Program; Harry Wright, Jack Berkefeld, Harry Mules, Mitch Garwood and Jackson Bowden. They performed very well on the day, showcasing their improvement over the past two years in the Program.

Our Year 10 Boys and Girls were both challenged by Mount Gambier High School and did well to keep their composure and came away with wins in both games. For the Girls, Alyssa Duncan displayed terrific defence skills and Siobhan Adams and Ellie Bouchier were dynamic in pressuring the opposition into turnovers. For the Boys it was a team effort, succeeding the game against changing zones ran by Mount Gambier High.

The attitude, work ethic, team work and skill displayed by all four teams was excellent, the coaches and PE staff were very proud of the teams.

Pictured above S(L-R): Coach Tom Daly and Siobhan Adams who won a voucher for her amazing performance.

Tom Daly | Knockout Basketball Coach



Upcoming Events:

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

Friday 30 October

- Junior School Italian Day
- World Teacher Appreciation Day
- Junior School Assembly 2:30pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium

Saturday 31 October

- Mass 6:00pm, St Pauls Church

Sunday 1 November

- All Saints Day
- Mass 11:00am, St Pauls Church

Monday 2 November

- All Souls' Day
- SAPSASA Softball, Adelaide
- Year 10 Outdoor Ed Surf/Canoe Camp, Robe
- 2021 Term 1 Reception Information Evening 7:00pm-8:00pm, Staffroom

Tuesday 3 November

- SAPSASA Softball, Adelaide
- Year 10 Outdoor Ed Surf/Canoe Camp, Robe

Wednesday 4 November

- SAPSASA Softball, Adelaide

Qkr! App Reminders

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- 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



Uniform Shop Trading Hours

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

For further enquiries please contact the school at 8725 5455.

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

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

Photo Gallery - Year 12's Last Day



Hayley Vanderhorst, Tori Cooper, Sophie Gibbs, Michelle Pulmer and Alexandra Scott at the breakfast



Lachie Price with his Reception buddies Mac Stratford and Laurence Rickard



Jennie Sanderson, David Meziniec, Marilena Wilson and Michelle Coote with flowers for the Year 12's



Reception Aiden Thomas with his Year 12 buddy Tadi Magura



Cale Norman and Talithia Montgomery



Edward Layzell and Hayley Braendler



Ethan Herpich, Adam Black and Harry Harding



Fatuma Ebomba, Maria, Sophia Weston and Matisse Schmidt



Pippa Sullivan and Lacey Button walking Samantha Braithwaite at final assembly

Photo Gallery - Year 12's Last Day



Aerial photo of the 'Guard of Honour'



Reception Toby Pearson with Jessica Snell



Drum Corp leading the way



(L-R): Tyler Redway, Lenni O'Dine and Joshua Cornolo



David Mezinec serving at the breakfast



Maixence Williams, Mary Moreto and Mia Van Gaans performing at the assembly



Charlie Carroll congratulating the cohort



Reception student Ellie Perry with Ella McIntyre