

# Weekly Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2020 | WEEK 5, TERM 4

## Tenison Woods Flyers Award Announced at Remembrance Day Assembly

Today's Remembrance Day Assembly was attended by students in Years 8-11 and was led by newly appointed College Captains Sarah McKinnon and Austin Rossi. Students participated in a prayer dedicated to remembering those who died or suffered during Australia's involvement in all wars and armed conflicts. RSL President Bob Sandow shared with the students the brief stories of four old scholars of Marist Brothers Agricultural College; Anthony Casadio (2018 Shining Light Recipient), John Friedrichs, Reginald Van Leuven and Errol Kavanagh.

During the assembly the Tenison Woods College Flyers Award was presented. The award honours the sacrifice and service of those men and women who served their country in a variety of military capacities. The award seeks to acknowledge a senior school student who has demonstrated their ability to go beyond what is generally expected of them, put others before themselves and has a strong sense of comradeship. Their service to the College community and beyond is an honour to themselves, their families and the College.

Patrick McCourt was awarded the Tenison Woods Flyers Award for being a positive, caring and hard-working young man. He is a loyal friend and one that you could always rely on to help if needed. Through his involvement in Cadets for the past four years, he has grown in his leadership skills and passion for mentoring, even being asked to speak to Principals and Army staff members from across our state. He is part of a family with a strong sense of social justice. They are committed to supporting the College community, particularly with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen program. Patrick has been dedicated to helping in the garden as well, working at his part-time job and volunteering at other agencies such as at the Sunset Kitchen and AC Care where he makes sandwiches and delivers food. He also recently shaved his head for Leukemia, raising \$1000. Congratulations on a well deserved accolade, Patrick.



Bob Sandow, RSL President presents the Tenison Woods Flyers Award for 2020 to Year 11 student Patrick McCourt



Austin Rossi and Sarah McKinnon represented the College at the Mount Gambier Remembrance Day Service at Vansittart Park

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**Tania Sigley** | Director of Wellbeing



## From The Principal

### Gilap Wanga Working Bee A Great Success – Thank You

Thank you to the 74 students, parents/caregivers and staff who offered their time and talents to the Gilap Wanga Working Bee on Saturday 7 November.

The day was a great success, with now only one very small section to be completed at the rear of Gilap Wanga. Volunteers finalised the Gilap Wanga community garden areas by barking, planting, tidying and watering plants. It was a great day of communal achievement, exercise and fun, not to mention a sausage sizzle to rival any.

Now, if you feel like you missed out last weekend, the good news is that there will be two more working bees:

- Saturday 5 December - ELCC Nature Play Working Bee
- Saturday 19 December - Reception Nature Play Planting Working Bee

So, pencil the dates in your diary as we want our students to have the best possible start to 2021.

Please bring any gardening equipment you think could be of use: gloves, shovel, rakes, wheelbarrow, even your ute. The working bees will commence at 8:00am. Morning tea and refreshments will be supplied with a BBQ available from 10:00am. For those able to assist Saturday 5 December we ask that you please complete this [online form](#). Those who can volunteer on Saturday 19 December, please click [here](#).

### NAIDOC Week – 8–15 November - Always Was, Always Will Be

This week we are enjoying NAIDOC Week celebrations, which are held across Australia each year to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



## From The Principal *continued...*

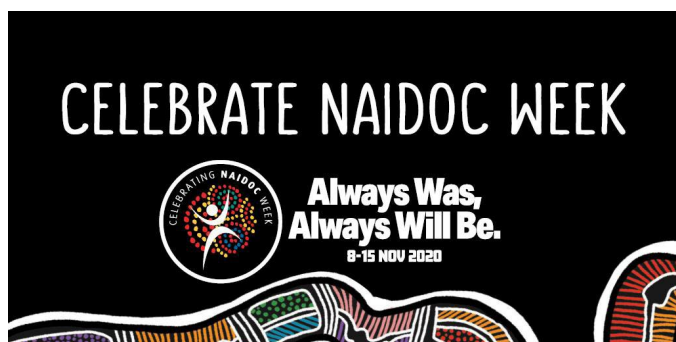
This year's theme for NAIDOC Week is *Always Was, Always Will Be*. At Tenison Woods College we take the opportunity to acknowledge the traditional custodians of our land and say thank you for everything they contribute to our College, local community and indeed our nation.

We also take an opportunity to celebrate the rich history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This year's theme, *Always Was, Always Will Be*, recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for our continent for over 65,000 years. The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples who have maintained ongoing spiritual and cultural connections to the land and sea.

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. I thank staff, students and parents/caregivers for the enthusiasm and commitment with which the week is being acknowledged.

NAIDOC week invites all Australians to embrace our nation's history, which dates back thousands of generations.

*Always Was, Always Will Be.*



### Tenison Woods College Reconciliation Action Plan

During NAIDOC week it is our pleasure to invite the College community to offer feedback on our Reconciliation Action Plan.

During Term 3, a Reconciliation Action Plan Working Party was developed involving:

- Hayley Morgan - Junior Primary Teacher, Tenison Woods College
- Francesca Dickson - Pathways Early Years-5 Teacher, Tenison Woods College
- Chris Lloyd - Teacher Librarian, Tenison Woods College
- Suzanne Pepe - Pathways Coordinator, Tenison Woods College
- David Meziniec - Principal, Tenison Woods College
- Aunty Michelle Jacquelin-Furr - Boandik Elder
- Phillip Saunders - Chair - Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation
- Robyn Campbell - CEO - Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation and Boandik Descendent
- Bryan Haywood - Senior Ecologist, Nature Glenelg Trust
- Matthew Brookes - Boandik Descendant and past Tenison Woods College student

Staff, students and parents/caregivers are asked to reflect on the Reconciliation Action Plan and offer feedback, further suggestions and areas for further consideration. The document can be viewed [here](#).

At Tenison Woods College we understand that reconciliation is an ongoing journey that aspires to respect justice and equity, so that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children will have the same life chances and choices as non-Indigenous children and the length and quality of a person's life will not be determined by their racial background.

Our vision for Reconciliation begins with our acknowledgment of the Boandik people, the Traditional Owners and First Nations Peoples of the land on which our College is located and to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the original Custodians of our beautiful land, Australia.

Tenison Woods College has a major focus on building strong partnerships with the wider community. These partnerships are welcoming, inclusive and collaborative with families, parish, government and non-government agencies, community groups, businesses and other educational providers.

Respectful relationships are characterised by mutual respect, unity, common understandings and an acceptance of diversity, whilst acknowledging at the same time the right of all Peoples to be different, to consider themselves different and to be represented as such. Respectful relationships are life-giving, enhance wellbeing and promote understandings about reconciliation and restorative practices.

Culturally respectful relationships, authentic partnerships and holistic approaches are inclusive of families and local communities.

With these aspirations I invite our community to reflect on our preferred future for Reconciliation, within a context of celebrating our First Nations people. Feedback can be provided directly to me at [mezid@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mezid@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

### Parish Facebook Page

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

### HDDL Four Point Plan

I thank you thus far for your attention to HDDL Four Point Plan; good **Health**, good **Hygiene** and hand washing, good **Distancing** and care for others and good **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 HDDL 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. 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.

### 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



### The Importance of Reading

When speaking with a Year 4 student this week, he was telling me about a book he was reading and said that when you find a new book it is like meeting a new friend. As an avid reader I was thrilled with his enthusiasm for literature. Creating a love of reading in our children is one of the greatest gifts we can give them as it opens them up to a lifetime of possibilities.

Research has shown that those of us who were read to from an early age, witnessed adults reading and were exposed to books or other reading material, are more likely to have a greater vocabulary and better communication skills. As adults we should not only encourage our children to read, but should model this behaviour, whether we read books, newspapers or online publications. Equipping young people with reading and writing skills is vital, not only for their own success but for the nation's prosperity.

If you would like some help with selecting suitable reading material for your children either to borrow, download or as gifts; our friendly Library staff are always willing to help and recommend what is popular and appropriate for a variety of age groups, including adults!

With Christmas fast approaching, think about adding a book or two to Christmas stockings and help encourage the joy of reading.

**Jennie Sanderson** | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

## CIM Team News



### Reception – Year 3 Liturgies

On Thursday 12 November the Reception to Year 3 classes will hold their Term 4 Liturgies with Fr Dean joining them. We remind parents/caregivers and friends that due to existing COVID-19 restrictions for the Chapel, only staff and students are permitted to attend.

### Sharing your Christmas

The Giving Tree is now in place in the Front Office at Tenison Woods College. We actively encourage families to support AC.Care, Sunset Community Kitchen and Vinnies in their work to support local families in need. Unwrapped gifts, toiletry items and/or cash donations can be placed under the tree between now and the end of term. We thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity towards those in need within our community.

We will also be supporting the Community Christmas Lunch held on Christmas Day. Staff will be donating toiletries and wrapped chocolates and/or lollies to be placed into gift bags for those attending. Any families who would also like to contribute items for this event can do so by placing them under the Giving Tree with the gifts.

### End of Year Mass

The End of Year Mass that was planned to be celebrated in Gilap Wanga on Thursday 19 November will now be celebrated in the Barrie Holmes Stadium in two groups at two separate time slots. Year 4 – 11 students will celebrate Mass at 9:00am and ELCC – Year 3 students will celebrate a Liturgy at 10:40am. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions only staff and students of the College are able to attend.

### Liturgy of the Word for Children

Liturgy of the Word for Children will be held at all Masses this weekend, 14 and 15 November. Masses are at St Paul's Church at 6:00pm on Saturday night and 11:00am on Sunday morning. All children are welcome to participate.

### Youth Mass

The Youth Mass will be held at 6:00pm this Saturday at St Paul's Church, followed by Youth Group and dinner at 7:00pm in St Paul's Hall. Please notify the Youth Leaders of your attendance for catering purposes at [mgpyouth@gmail.com](mailto:mgpyouth@gmail.com)

### Blessing of the Crib

On Friday 27 November, the Junior School will celebrate the Blessing of the Crib in the Barrie Holmes Stadium during their assembly gatherings at 2:00pm (Years 3-5) or 2:40pm (Reception – Year 2). Fr Dean will say a prayer of blessing for all families as they enter into the Advent season. Students are encouraged to bring the crib from their Nativity Scene or if this is not possible just one piece from their nativity.

The roster for Term 4 Masses:

Week 5	Thursday 12 November – Year 10
Week 6	Thursday 19 November - End of Year Mass: Barrie Holmes Stadium: Year 4-11 - 9:00am, ELCC-Year 3 - 10:40am
Week 7	Thursday 26 November – Year 9
Week 8	Thursday 3 December – Year 6 & 7

**Michelle Coote** | Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

## Shine FM Week 4 Episode Available

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. The show covers College excursions, school events over the coming weeks and much more! Listen to the Term 4, Week 4 show [here](#).

**Scott Dickson** | Director of Learning



## TerraCycle at Tenison Woods College

Tenison Woods College is continuing the stationery recycling program with TerraCycle; a global leader in diverting products from landfill and recycling them into new products. As we near the end of the year, many families will begin the task of sorting through stationery used throughout the year. If you have texters, pens, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, whiteout, whiteboard markers etc. that would otherwise go into landfill, please consider dropping them off at the Art Studio at the College. Items will be sorted with other unusable items and will be recycled into new products through TerraCycle.

Any useable items will be added to our stationery packs for students in Timor-Leste. Furthermore, if we can collect another 5kg of donations like last year, TerraCycle will provide a monetary donation, with the charity being decided by a student cohort at a later date.

If you have any questions about this recycling program, please contact me at [lyncm@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lyncm@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

**Meghan Lynch** | Teacher/Arts Learning Area Coordinator



## LSE SAPSASA Softball Team Finish Second in Division

Last week, Tenison Woods College had four representatives compete in the Lower South East SAPSASA Softball Team. These students were Benjamin Braithwaite, Wil Lewis, Jett Lewis and Zaylen Smith. The LSE team played extremely well and placed second in Division Three. A fantastic effort by the team!

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

## Vinnies Book Sale

Tenison Woods College Middle School students will hold a Book Sale at lunchtime on Friday 20 November. Money raised will be for the local Vinnies chapter to support Limestone Coast people in need during Advent and the Christmas season.

While most books will come from the Vinnies Shop, donations of books in good condition from College families are also welcome. We are particularly eager for donations that are suitable for young teenagers. Books can be delivered to myself in the Library.

**Chris Lloyd** | Teacher Librarian



## Staff Enjoy Exclusive Tour of New Reception Building

Tenison Woods College is thrilled to showcase the latest development of our new Reception Building that forms part of our Master Plan extension! College staff were recently invited to tour the site with Project Manager Camilla Jackson from Mossop Construction.

A team of key staff have been working enthusiastically on the planning of this building that features spacious classrooms, a central piazza area, a makers studio, pod spaces and an exclusive nature playground. We cannot wait to share more of the development with you over the coming weeks!

*Pictured above (L-R): Neal Turley, Camilla Jackson and David Mezinec.*



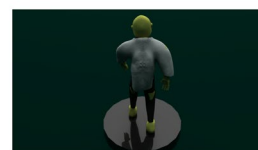
## 5-A-Side Soccer Kicks off PE Week

On Monday, Tenison Woods College participated in the first event of the 2020 Physical Education Week. The event was a 5-A-Side soccer competition, held at Grant High School. This event involved Year 8 and 9 students and was primarily based around participation and having fun. Over the course of the day, our students competed against other high schools from across the Lower South East region, and showed excellent sportsmanship and skills throughout each day. The students were complemented on their attitude and sportsmanship and lots of fun was had! Congratulations to everyone who played.

**Nick Kourmouzis** | Sports Trainee



## Character Design



## Outstanding Visual Arts Submission

Year 12 student Dylan McCarthy recently completed one of his summative pieces as part of his Stage 2 Visual Arts – Design subject.

As seen in the picture above, Dylan created a 3D model of a COVID-19 doctor who is tired and worn down by the virus. This was created in the 3D software Maya and the textures were developed in Blender and Photoshop. The art piece was then brought to life by a 3D printer at the College.

Well done Dylan! Your hard work in Visual Arts – Design has definitely paid off.

**Yunita Manfrin** | Visual Arts - Design Teacher Year 8-12



## 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge

Over 500 students participated in the 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge and this week they have received their awards, ranging from a Certificate through to 'Reader For Life' awards.

This is the 17th year Tenison Woods College has participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge and we congratulate students on their efforts and achievements. Reading regularly is an important step in developing good literacy skills and is a key to success at school and into the future.

*Pictured above (L-R): Olive Paltridge, Stella Yeates and Seth Ross*

**Alexandra Nicholson** | Library Manager



## Purchasing Additional 2019 College Yearbooks

Additional 2019 College Yearbooks are available for purchase at a cost of \$35.00 each.

Please contact the Front Office to place your order.

**Tracey Davey** | Enrolment Registrar/Office Manager



(L-R): Ruby Lamb, Louis Prosperi-Porta and Ruben Fleetwood



(L-R): Samuel Swiggs, Scarlet Ryan and Mac Bradshaw

## Students Raise Money for 'Fight MND'

Last Term we had the return of 'The Drawing Club' with a group of Year 6 boys joining the fight against MND. Motor neurone disease (MND) is an uncommon condition that affects the brain and nerves. It causes weakness that gets worse over time. The boys of 'The Drawing Club', Jeremy Mackenzie, Jack Holmes, Max Lynn and Archie Aitken wanted to raise enough money to help find a cure for MND. They have been motivated by people in their lives struggling with MND and have set themselves a challenge to raise as much for the cause as they can, with this being their third fundraiser in two years! The boys have given up many lunch and recess breaks to make these competitions happen. They have previously held plane decorating competitions and drawing competitions, but this year their competition had a twist! The boys wrote a story for the different age groups which the students then had to draw an illustration for. The boys were blown away with the large number of entries they received and managed to raise over \$100 for 'Fight MND'. Thank you to everyone who participated, every dollar counts in the search for a cure to this terrible disease. Jeremy, Jack, Max and Archie have demonstrated inspirational determination to create a world for the better with their fabulous generosity! Congratulations on your outstanding work for 'The Drawing Club'.

Winners of the competition:

Reception- Year 2

- 1st - Ruby Lamb
- 2nd - Louis Prosperi-Porta
- 3rd - Ruben Fleetwood

Poplars

- Eddie Badenoch

Years 3 – 5

- 1st - Samuel Swiggs
- 2nd - Scarlet Ryan
- 3rd - Mac Bradshaw

**Nikki Bishop** | Year 5 Teacher



## Community Noticeboard



See the Community Noticeboard for posters and notices of upcoming events within our College, and wider community.

Please click [here](#) to view this page.



## Are you an Old Scholar?

*Throwback to the Year 2000! This is a photo of transportable classrooms arriving at 'Tenison College' for the first time. These classrooms were for the 2001 opening of the amalgamation school 'Tenison Woods College'.*

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



## Career & Employment Expo Information

For students who were unable to attend the Adelaide Career and Employment Expo in Adelaide in October, some resources have been made available online for your interest.

- [2020 Career & Employment Expo Show Guide](#)
- [2021 Expo Information](#)

**Joanne Maclean** | VET Coordinator and Business Studies Teacher



## Are You Available to Volunteer in the College Canteen?

Are you interested in volunteering at the College? The College Canteen is seeking more volunteers in readiness for 2021. To express your interest please email Mary de Nys at [denym@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:denym@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

**Leanne Sandow** | Canteen Manager

# Photo Gallery

## New Reception Building Tour



## Upcoming Events:

### Thursday 12 November

- PE Week / NAIDOC Week
- Year 12 SACE Exams - All Week
- Year 8/9 & 10 Knockout Open Basketball Finals – Adelaide
- Mount Gambier Cricket School Cup, 9:00am – 2:00pm - Blue Lake Sports Park
- Year 1 Liturgy, 11:00am – College Chapel (Staff and Students only)
- Year 3 Liturgy, 11:30am – College Chapel (Staff and Students only)
- Year 2 Liturgy, 12:00pm – College Chapel (Staff and Students only)
- Reception Liturgy, 12:30pm – College Chapel (Staff and Students only)
- Year 8/9 Girls Knockout Tennis Final – Adelaide

### Friday 13 November

- PE Week / NAIDOC Week
- Year 8/9 Girls Knockout Tennis Final – Adelaide
- South East Zone Festival of Sport 8:00am-3:20pm – Penola
- Years 3-5 Assembly 2:00pm–2:30pm – Barrie Holmes Stadium
- Reception - Year 2 Assembly 2:40pm–3:15pm – Barrie Holmes Stadium

### Saturday 14 November

- Mass, 6:00pm – St Paul's Church

### Sunday 15 November

- Mass, 11:00am – St Paul's Church

### Monday 16 November

- Junior Poplars Excursion, 10:40am – 1:00pm – Penola

### Tuesday 17 November

- Year 8/9 Boys Knockout Cricket Final - Bordertown

## Canteen Reminders

- Please ensure the Student Profile in the QKR! App created for ordering is your child's name (not the parent name);
- QKR! App 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 when using the QKR! App, and the details of all orders before proceeding to checkout.
- Year 8 and 9 QKR! App specials are only available to be ordered by these year levels, not for a younger sibling.
- Reception to Year 5 are only allowed to purchase two items, only one of these can be lollies. There is no monetary limit only an item limit.

If you have any questions regarding the Qkr! App, please contact Jess Herring at [herrj@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:herrj@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

**Leanne Sandow** | Canteen Manager



## 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 NAIDOC Week



Dafydd Ryan & Keelie Lindner



The Lemon Myrtle used in this recipe was grown in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden and freshly harvested to bake these *Lemon Myrtle and White Chocolate Cookies*



Matthew Brookes



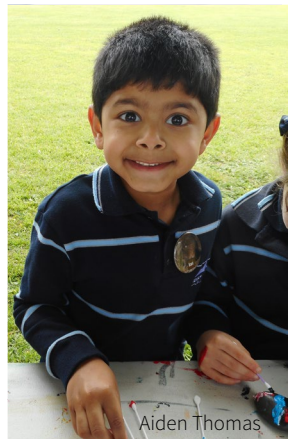
Mac Stratford



Bridgette Elmslie



Emily Sullivan



Aiden Thomas

## Sustainability Media Shoot with The Australian Newspaper



(L-R): Lachie Price, Madison Fatchen, Nadia Munguakwokwaand George Wimshurst pictured at the Lake Bonney Wind Farm



## PE Week



Jacob Salmon umpiring today's lunchtime Basketball Match



Sienna Lewis



Curtis Page

# Photo Gallery Working Bee

Desire Kinyamba



Phillip Guan



Andy Guan

Rosie and Maggie Collins



Trent Eitzen

Aden Clarke and Patrick Clarke



Alexei Georgiou and Fletcher Hayes



Michelle Coote and Mirella Prosperi-Porta

