

Weekly Newsletter

THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2020 | WEEK 6, TERM 4

A Message from the Principal - COVID-19 Update

As you are aware the Premier has announced a statewide lockdown in South Australia.

For the Tenison Woods College community this means that for 19 and 20 November 2020 – the school will be closed except for care of the children of essential workers and those for those who are deemed vulnerable. These are school closure days and, as such, no online learning will be provided, but staff will be preparing to engage through families according to our Connect@Tenison approach which we carefully crafted earlier in the year. Connect@Tenison will occur from Monday next week. Details of this approach can be found on our website here: <https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/teaching-and-learning/connect-tenison>

During these six days we will have a small number of staff on site to provide supervised care to any family who requires this essential service. If your child will be present during these days please bring them or ask them to report to the front office so that we can register their attendance each day. Students have been asked to bring home all the materials and equipment that will assist them with their learning at home. Thank you for your understanding during this difficult time. We will continue to keep you updated.

*Dear God, help me wait well.
Help me know what to do and when to do it.
Then, help me do the holy work of rest, even when I would rather work and worry.
Give me peace, and teach me to trust You as I wait for You to answer my prayers.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.
Chrystal Evans Hurst*

HHDL Four Point Plan

I thank you thus far for your attention to HHDL 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, now more than ever, with the HHDL approach. As always we remain alert, not alarmed.

Celebrating and Giving Thanks

We move into a period of the year when we witness the fruits of our dedicated efforts as students, staff and parents. At the same time we give thanks for all that has comforted, gifted and challenged us.

Due to the progress of COVID-19 in South Australia the update I sent Tuesday already requires modification. Some events may not occur and several may need to be modified. As soon as there is some clarity about the state's progress in relation to mitigating COVID-19 we will notify you about how we will mark the range of significant rites of passage such as Thanksgiving Celebrations, Awards Celebrations and Graduations.

School Camps

I am continually grateful for the wonderful culture that has evolved with school camp, retreat, sporting and field experiences at Tenison Woods College. We as a school community understand the critical importance of these experiences in the development of our young and it is inspiring to see staff and parents working together to ensure that such opportunities offer students the greatest benefit.

COVID-19 has thrown us some curve balls but we will endeavour to conduct the camp experiences as possible, dependent on government and CESA protocols going forward.

Thank you to all the committed staff, parents and carers who have devoted themselves to these wonderful experiences. It is inspiring to see the passion of people who make these experiences possible for our young and ensure their life experiences are inspired by the wondrous world in which we live.

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, just check out our Bring Your Own Device page on our website. The link is attached here: <https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/byod-information/byod-purchase-portal>

You can also find this page in SEQTA Engage by choosing the Portals option and selecting *BYOD Parent / Guardian Information*.

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

Enrolments 2021

I advise parents and caregivers that interviews are well underway for all 2021 Enrolments, particularly for Reception, Year 7 and Year 8.

We invite parents or caregivers and students to schedule an interview time with Mrs Francesca Dickson, Head of Junior School, to formalise their child's Reception enrolment for 2021.

If you have a child who is due to start school in 2021 and have not received a letter, please contact Tracey Davey on 87255455 who will help you organise this.

God Bless,

David Mezinac
Principal

*Visit our Website for latest COVID Updates,
and to access Connect@Tenison Information*



Nine Year Winning Streak in State Basketball!

The Tenison Woods College Year 8/9 Girls Basketball Team became State Champions on Wednesday 11 November, winning a nail biter final against Henley High School in Adelaide. The win marks a nine year winning streak for the 8/9 Girls division at Tenison Woods College. 5 consecutive years in a row from 2014-2018. Missing out last year, the Titans are now back in the winning circle in 2020.

Both teams were trading baskets throughout the game, resulting in a one-point win at the last second by the Titans. Henley High were a tough side, but our girls proved to be stronger. The girls put up a fantastic effort and I was very proud to be coaching them during the course of the competition.

Congratulations must also go to the Year 8/9 Boys team and coach Richard Hill who finished 5th overall in the state competition.

Well done to all students on their outstanding results!

Tom Daly | Basketball Coach



Above: The Year 8/9 Girls Basketball Team - 2020 State Champions
Back L-R: Tom Daly, Macey Griffith, Cara Nulty, Tess Porter, Ellie Bouchier
Front: Sophie Wrightson, Paige Lucas, Siobhan Adams, , Daisy Tunkin, Portia McRae.

Left: The Year 8/9 Boys Basketball Team
Back L-R: Richard Hill, Jackson Bowden, Mitch Garwood, Harry Wright, Jack Berkefeld, Harry Mules
Front: Teangi Stephens, Oscar Marr-McGuire, Geoffrey Slattery, Jonty Collins, Jedd Tranter

From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development



As 2020 is fast drawing to a conclusion, I would like to focus on the work done throughout the year by our Education Support Officers (ESOs). They really are our silent heroes. The ESOs complement the work of the teachers and build strong relationships with the students they work with. From the Early Learning Centre to Year 12, Poplars, Admin, Canteen, Cafe, PR & Events, IT, Library, Finance and Grounds, our ESOs are involved with students and build significant connections that often continue throughout their schooling. At the end of the year when you are thanking classroom teachers, please remember our wonderful ESOs.

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

CIM Team News



2021 Sacramental Program

Mount Gambier Catholic Parish recently held their Enrolment Night for families planning to enrol in the Parish Sacramental Program for 2021. During the Sacramental Program children, together with their families, will be prepared for 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 Baptism to be included in this program if requested. All enrolment forms are due to be returned to the Parish Office by Friday 4 December 2020. For further information about the Sacramental Program please contact the Sacramental Coordinator on 8725 6566 or mgpsacraments@bigpond.com

Sharing your Christmas

The Giving Tree is now in place in the Front Office at Tenison Woods College. We actively encourage families to support A.C.Care, Sunset Community Kitchen or Vinnies in their work to assist 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 are 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.

Christmas Hampers and Toys

St Vincent de Paul Society Mount Gambier are now taking registrations for Christmas Hampers and toys for families which are struggling financially due to loss of income or employment. The Society is there to lend a hand in helping families celebrate the birth of Christ like others do. Please ring Vinnies on 8724 9322 to make a confidential appointment to discuss your family's needs this Christmas.

Blessing of the Crib (To be advised)

On Friday 27 November (pending current COVID Restrictions) the Junior School will celebrate the Blessing of the Crib in the Barrie Holmes Stadium during their assembly gatherings at either 2:00pm (Year 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.

Term 4 Masses at the College

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 and students of the College are permitted to attend masses held in the College Chapel.

The roster for Term 4 masses (pending COVID Restrictions) is:

Week 7 (Thursday 26 November) Year 9
Week 8 (Thursday 3 December) Year 6/7

Michelle Coote | Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission





Outdoor Ed Students Revel in Surf & Sun

Our Year 10 Stage 1 Outdoor Education students recently travelled to Robe for their final camp experience, where they participated in a 2-day canoe and 1-day surf experience. The camp marked the completion of their Outdoor Education studies for 2020.

Students loved canoeing and surfing in perfect weather conditions, whilst building stronger relationships with their peers. It has been fantastic to see the growth in students' skills and knowledge of the outdoors from their first camp until now. The improvement in their understanding of fundamental aspects of camp craft and minimal-impact camping basics highlighted the amount of growth students have made across the year.

At big thanks to Charlie's Surf School and Paestan's Canoe hire for allowing the camp to be successful.

Brad Maney | Year 9 Wellbeing Coordinator



Construction of ShineTV

Over the next few weeks, Year 10 students involved in ShineFM are learning the finer details of video production, as they prepare to release their very own news show. ShineTV is currently in production with the goal of a video-based and student voiced video production on the horizon.

Pictured above (L-R): William Dixon, Aiden Mustey, Arabella Bhutia, Sari Mutton

Scott Dickson | Director of Learning



Tremendous Tennis Effort in State Final

Last week, Year 8/9 girls tennis players, Jorja Mitchell, Jess Stutley, Emily Jolley and Aleisha Pearson competed in the Tennis State Finals in Adelaide. The girls finished third behind two schools with highly credentialed tennis programs, Marrayatville High (1st place) and Henley High (2nd place). Across the day the team won one match and lost two with many hard fought games and sets.

The Tenison Woods College girls played outstanding tennis and were exemplary both on and off the court in their tennis etiquette and sportsmanship.

Pictured above (L-R): Jorja Mitchell, Jessica Stutley, Aleisha Pearson, Emily Jolley

Michelle Coote | Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission



Year 1 Palaeontologists in the Making

Mr Agnew and Mrs Johnston's Year 1 class recently celebrated the conclusion of their Science unit with a special 'Dinosaur Day'.

The students enjoyed painting a 'Dirty Dinosaur', sampled some dinosaur treats and discovered many dinosaur bones in the sandpit. It is believed that the bones may be from two new species of dinosaurs; the "Mooasaurus" and the "Baaceratops". Students carefully uncovered the bones and tried to identify what body parts they had discovered. It was a lot of fun!

Purchasing Additional 2019 College Yearbooks

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

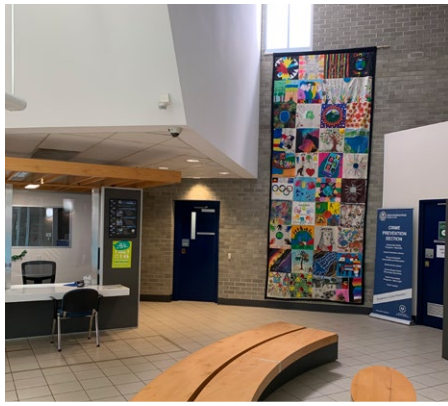
Please contact the Front Office to place your order.

Tracey Davey | Enrolment Registrar/Office Manager



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

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



College involved in Community Art Project

Recently, Tenison Woods College was invited to take part in a collaborative artwork celebrating the coming together of our community. Two cloth squares were created by students in our Junior, Middle and Senior School. The squares were then sewn together with other artworks from the community. This project was organised by SAPOL Limestone Coast, where the art is now on display for the public to view. If you have the opportunity to see it, look for the Tenison Woods College logos and you will find our artwork!

Meghan Lynch and Monika Kolhoffer | Art Teachers



Special NAIDOC Week Presentation for Reception Students

Our Reception students recently participated in a First Nations Peoples Incursion. We welcomed local Boardik Descendant and Old Scholar, Matthew Brookes, as well as a local Wiwuni Mob that focuses on the importance of caring for country and sharing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's knowledge.

Students enjoyed Welcome to Country, before speaking about the importance of country and caring for our land and looking at biodiversity. The Receptions also participated in dance, rock painting and boomerang throwing, and listened to a dreaming story to end the experience. Thank you to Matthew for sharing and working with the students.

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.

Leanne Sandow | Canteen Manager



Year 9's Prepare for a Trip of a Lifetime

With only two weeks left to go before our wonderful Year 9 students head off on their 9SHINE camp, they have been busy preparing by upskilling themselves with outdoor activities. Lightweight backpacking walks around Marist park, tent pitching challenges, rescue challenges, great races, basic first aid workshops and camp cooking have been embraced. After an introductory lesson on how to operate the Trangia (a lightweight stove), the 'Master chef' challenge was given to students to prepare and cook (and yes to eat) a meal. Pizza's, steak sandwiches, pasta dishes, hamburgers and tacos were made. Well done to all the Year 9's who are preparing themselves for a unique experience to remember.

Ian Ross | Years 6-12 HPE Coordinator



Year 10 State Championship Basketball Results

Our Year 10 Girls and Boys basketball teams competed in the State Championships in Adelaide on Thursday 12 November. Both teams were extremely eager to show their skills, as they fought hard against tough competition.

The girls finished 3rd overall after a tough loss to Westminster School by just three points. The boys had a great win over Modbury and were very competitive against high level opposition in Cabra and Concordia. The boys went on to make the semi-finals and finish 4th in the 6-team competition.

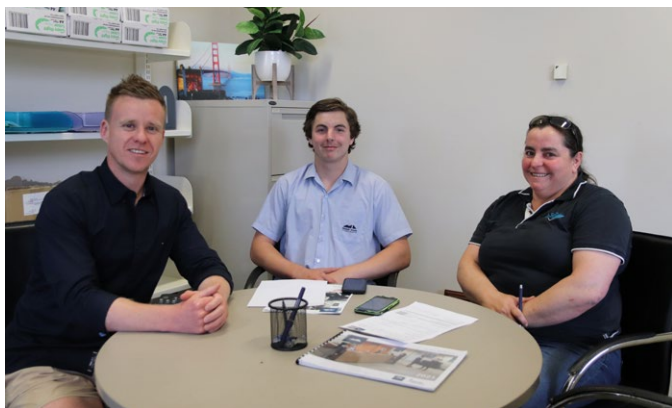
Well done to our students on a tremendous effort.

Above: Year 10 Girls Basketball Team, L-R: Siobhan Adams, Ellie Bouchier, Portia McRae, Tess Porter, Macey Griffith, Tom Daly. Front: Sophie Wrightson, Joey Jones, Cara Nulty, Daisy Tunkin, Paige Lucas.

Below: Year 10 Boys Basketball Team, L-R: Richard Hill, Jackson Bowden, Harry Mules, Zachary Nulty, Jack Berkefeld, Noah Sims. Front: Oscar Marr-McGuire, Nick Joy, Austin Fuller, Harry Wright.

Heidi Clark | HPE Teacher





Year 11 Students Secure Apprenticeships

Congratulations to Year 11 student Angus Domaschenz in securing a 'Certificate III in Engineering - Metal Fabricator/Boilermaker' apprenticeship with DMK Engineering. Angus approached DMK Engineering for work experience during the Term 3 Holidays. During this experience, Angus displayed a strong work ethic and a willingness to learn new skills which resulted in him being offered a full-time apprenticeship.

Above (L-R): Ciaran Buckley, Angus Domaschenz and Jessica Domaschenz.

Congratulations to Year 11 student Blake Neshoda who has obtained a 'Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology' apprenticeship with The 4WD Centre (trading as Barry Maney Group). Blake completed work experience with The 4WD Centre during the holidays and as a result of his outstanding week, he has been offered a full time apprenticeship through Group Training Employment, commencing next year.

Below (L-R): Jim Cornolo, Paula Neshoda, Blake Neshoda, Andrew Norman, Ciaran Buckley

Ciaran Buckley | Head of Senior School



Upcoming College Working Bees

Students, staff and our College Community recently worked together at our Gilap Wanga Learning Community Working Bee! The day was a great success, with volunteers finishing the Gilap Wanga community garden areas by barking, planting, tidying and watering plants. It was a great day of communal achievement, exercise and fun, with a well-deserved sausage sizzle for everyone to enjoy! Thank you to all who pitched in and gave their time to help out.

If you would like to be involved in our upcoming working bees, RSVP at the links below. **Please be aware that we will keep you informed on any changes to the below, as we monitor COVID response updates.**

The upcoming working bees (to be confirmed closer to the date) are:

- Saturday 5 December - Early Learning and Community Centre: Nature Play Planting Working Bee - to RSVP, click the link [here](#).
- Saturday 19 December - Reception: Nature Play Planting Working Bee - to RSVP, click the link [here](#).

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.



Runner-Up State Champions for the 8-9 Boys Cricket Team

On Tuesday 17 November, our talented 8/9 Boy Cricketers headed to Bordertown to compete against Southern Fleurieu in the State Final of the 8/9 Boys Knockout Cricket Competition. With the sun shining, Captain Hamish Case won the toss and chose to bat. After a very competitive first innings, the students finished the 20 overs with 78 runs.

Going into the second innings, the boys were eager to get things started again. However, Southern Fleurieu kept their batting form, beating Tenison Woods College by 6 wickets and claiming the title as State Final Champions. Congratulations to all students involved. A big thank you to Mr. Maney for coaching and umpiring throughout the day and Michael Prior for taking students to and from the Bordertown Oval. Well done boys!

Pictured above: Jye Moody, Alexander Waters, Rajat Pandey, Tom Lawrence, Joseph McCarthy, Nicholas Yates, Angus Clarke, Jared Kuhl, Hamish Case, Jack Lawrence, Jayden Prior, Sam Domaschenz, Fergus Moore, Jed Sims

Nick Kourmouzis | PE Trainee



Year 9's Give Coaching a Go!

As part of their PE course, Year 9 AFL and HPSP netball students have been busy coaching year 4-6 students either Netball or Football. As a dedicated task, the students prepare, plan and then coach 3-4 lessons with approx. 14 students in their group. Thanks to the wonderful staff for supporting these initiatives and allowing their students the opportunity to learn new skills and enjoy the social interactions while encouraging our older students to improve their skills at coaching.

Ian Ross | Year 6-12 HPE Coordinator





College Embraces Physical Education Week

Physical Education was celebrated enthusiastically last week by our community with a broad range of fun and energetic activities. Excursions included the RSL Lawn Bowls Club, the Mount Gambier Croquet Club, the 5-a-side Soccer Carnival at Grant High School and the 'Festival of Sport' in Penola with Volleyball and Touch Football competitions.

Each day both recess and lunchtimes had dedicated activities in the Barrie Holmes Stadium with come and try Badminton, Table Tennis, Indoor Soccer, Indoor Bias Bowls and Volleyball. The 6/7 students had a fantastic Tug'O' War competition to see who was the strongest, the lunchtime Basketball League saw even bigger crowd support and energy and the outdoor Volleyball courts were well used throughout the week. Physical Education staff kept busy with normal lessons while also adding on extra challenges in their classes with 'Great Races' and Tabloid sports. Extra PE lessons included Archery with the Poplars students and backpacking around the Marist Park grounds. The Daily PE Week Quiz proved to be a big hit with 28 homegroups participating and the staff indoor bowls 'championship' was a lot of fun. Thanks to all staff who supported the week and the students who showed their enthusiasm to actively participate and enjoy the experiences. Well done everyone!

Ian Ross | Year 6-12 HPE Coordinator

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.

Leanne Sandow | Canteen Manager

Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Please be advised that due to recent COVID-19 Restrictions, the Uniform Shop will be closed until further notice.

Regular Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Tuesdays — 8:00am – 12:00pm
Thursdays — 1:00pm – 5:00pm

For further enquiries please contact the school at 8725 5455. 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 10 Stage 1 Outdoor Education Camp

