

# Weekly Newsletter

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## Students Pay Visit to Local Businesses

Students recently visited Sue at the Penola Lolly Shop to work on their skills of money handling, budgeting, paying for their items and managing their change. Students have been visiting local businesses to practice these skills. The students are now very confident to be self-sufficient with their money whilst being very polite when making their purchases.

There was of course some time to spend on the playground and to have a look at some old buildings before returning to the College. We are proud of how all students represented the College so well whilst out in the community.

**Nicola Harradine** | Junior Poplars Teacher



## From The Principal

Well, that has been an interesting week!

Thank you for your cooperation with the College during this period – it has been appreciated.

At this time, I would also like to thank our College staff for their deliberate, agile and pre-emptive action in readiness for a *Connect@Tenison* possibility. Thankfully we can hold off on that approach and I think of it now as a COVID-19 drill. This would give us significant confidence about our response time if such a lock-down were to occur in the near future.

I am also appreciative that we can launch into our end of year and rites of passage activities, which staff have also planned so well for students. These may be modified due to SA Health's advice, but we will communicate this to families in due course.

### Catholic School Parents SA

The South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS) is pleased to announce the formation of Catholic School Parents SA as the new representative body of Catholic school parents. Catholic School Parents SA will connect with parent groups across the 101 Catholic Schools in the State.

Chair of SACCS, Professor Denis Ralph, said "Parents and caregivers have always played a pivotal role in the success of Catholic schools in South Australia. This new parent representative and advocacy body will further enhance parent engagement and participation in the education and care of children and young people in Catholic schools in South Australia."

In 2020, the Commission engaged an independent reviewer to consult with parents in all Catholic schools to seek their feedback as to whether they felt they had an adequate voice in the education of their children and what kind of support they would like to see in the future.

"While acknowledging that the current structures have served parents and our school communities well in the past, the review recognised that parents and carers have busy lives and are looking for new ways to engage in and support the education of their children," Professor Ralph said.

Catholic School Parents SA will be closely aligned with Catholic School Parents Australia, the national body that represents and advocates for parents and carers of children and young people in Catholic schools across Australia and will seek to have broad representation of parents of students in our schools.



# From The Principal continued...

The new group will:

- Engage in a program of listening to the needs of parents across Catholic schools;
- Advocate for improved funding and support for children and young people in Catholic schools and preschools;
- Ensure parent voice in policy development;
- Represent parents on a range of committees and working parties; and
- Participate in the work of Catholic School Parents Australia.

"We are excited by the opportunity to engage with parents in our schools in new ways in 2021 and beyond," Professor Ralph said.

Schools will receive further information early in 2021.

## 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 recently, and I ask that we all continue deliberately, now more than ever, with the HHDL approach. As always, we remain alert, not alarmed.

## Advent begins – Christ in our Lives

The Season of Advent begins this Sunday 29 November and so does the beginning of a new Liturgical Year in the Church. The Advent Wreath is a sign to us of the coming of Christ Our Light into our lives and our world.

I invite you to see Advent as a time to pause and reflect upon our lives and decide what is important and where our energy and attention should be focused. The more we consciously pause, reflect and exercise our gift of freedom to do what is right and good, the more human we become. As Christians, the more consciously we reflect, the more open we become to the presence of God in our lives and the power of his grace and to shape our lives. Advent is the time for conscious reflection upon our lives in the light of the presence of Christ amongst us.

As we prepare for Christmas, there is always a real challenge for us. This time of year, we all become so much busier with all the break ups, social events and preparations for Christmas. Instinctively, we speed up and busy ourselves attempting to do so many things. The invitation to us today is the opposite. Pause, slow down, reflect, listen and pray – make the experience intensely personal. Advent is a time for more prayer as individuals, families and as Parish community.

In such a way, Advent will be an opportunity for real change and renewal in our lives, unleashing the power to reflect upon our lives, humbly name our challenges, be freed and forgiven for past poor choices and experiencing the loving forgiveness of God as we move forward with hope and confidence.

As a College community, we annually erect the Giving Tree in the Front Office and this is an opportunity for everyone to share the joy of Christmas. Gifts and money donated to the Giving Tree will be shared between Ac.Care and Vinnies who will assist local families this Christmas.

Families may also wish to consider the gifts that ensure others not necessarily known to us enjoy a better Christmas and life; a gift that keeps on giving. Such donations can be made by visiting the websites of such preferred Catholic charities as Caritas, Vinnies and Mercy Gifts. Other charities to consider in such a way may be Oxfam, World Vision, Salvation Army and The Smith Family.

Classes will be participating in activities centred on the Advent theme. Advent wreaths in classrooms are the symbolic reminders of the prayer and action we focus upon during Advent. In the midst of the activities occupying us in these final weeks of the school year, the advent reflection speaks to our College community:

*Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world.  
This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice,  
and focus on what's really important.  
We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts,  
to celebrate your birth on Christmas.  
Amen.*

## Tenison Woods College Reconciliation Action Plan

It is our pleasure to invite the College community to offer feedback on our Reconciliation Action Plan.

I invite our community to reflect on our preferred future for Reconciliation, within a context of celebrating our First Nations People.

The document can be viewed [here](#).

Feedback can be provided directly to me at [mezid@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mezid@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

## ELCC Playground Blitz – Saturday 5 December

Can you offer half an hour Saturday 5 December? During the Working Bee we are particularly looking to finalise planting of the ELCC Nature Play area.

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](#).

## Parish Facebook Page

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

## 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.

God Bless,

David Meziniec | Principal

## From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development



### Term 4 Information

As we move closer to the end of Term 4 I would like to share some important information in relation to the completion of the 2020 school year:

### 2020 Semester 2 Reports:

Parents and caregivers will be able to access end of year reports for students in Reception to Year 11 via SEQTA on Wednesday 9 December. A notification will be sent via email when they are available. Students will be able to access their end of year reports the same day via SEQTA Learn. Reports can be downloaded as a PDF file or viewed on a device and printed, if a hardcopy is preferred. If you require further help in accessing your child's end of year report, please contact the Front Office staff. If you have misplaced your SEQTA login please email [connect@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:connect@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

### 2021 Years 7 to 12 Timetables:

2021 timetables will be available for students to view on SEQTA on Thursday 17 December. Instructions on how to access these timetables will also be available on the Portal page. New students in Years 7 to 12 will have a copy of their timetable mailed to them. All students will receive a hardcopy of their timetable on their first day of school. If you have any additional questions regarding reports or timetables, please feel free to email [connect@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:connect@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development



## CIM Team News



### Revised Schedule for Masses in the Mt Gambier and Millicent Catholic Parish

Please note that with the limit of 100 people at Masses and the 1 person per 4 sqm, there is an extra 9:00am Mass being celebrated this Sunday 29 November. Please consider coming to the early Mass.

#### Masses for This Weekend:

Saturday 28 November 6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Paul's  
Sunday 29 November 9:00am Mass at St Augustine's, Port MacDonnell  
9:00am and 11:00am Masses at St Paul's  
9:00am Mass at St Alphonsus' Millicent  
11:00am Mass at St Brigid's, Beachport

### 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 students, 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.

For further information about the Sacramental Program please contact the Sacramental Coordinator on 8725 6566 or [mgsacraments@bigpond.com](mailto:mgsacraments@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 Ac.Care, Sunset Community Kitchen or 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 are donating toiletries, wrapped chocolates and 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 Mt Gambier are now taking registrations for Christmas Hampers and toys for families which are struggling. The Society is there to lend a hand in helping families celebrate the birth of Christ during the season of Advent.

Please ring Vinnies on 8724 9322 to make a confidential appointment to discuss your family's needs this Christmas.

### Blessing of the Crib

On Friday of 27 November the Junior School will celebrate the Blessing of the Crib in the Barrie Holmes Stadium during their assembly gatherings at either 2:00pm (Years 3 to 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 a crib from their Nativity Scene or if this is not possible just one piece from their nativity.

### Term 4 Masses at the College

Due to the revised COVID-19 restrictions in place there will be no Thursday Masses at Tenison Woods College for the remainder of the Term.

We look forward to things returning to 'normal' in 2021.

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



## Year 8/9 Knockout Cricket Team Claim Runners-Up

Our talented Year 8/9 Boy Cricketers have claimed second place in the Year 8/9 Boys Knockout Cricket Competition! The competition was held on Monday 23 November at the Bordertown Oval.

With the sun shining, captain Hamish Case won the toss and decided to bat. After a very competitive first innings, the students finished the 20 overs with 78 runs.

The boys started the second innings enthusiastically against a strong Southern Fleurieu. Unfortunately, Southern Fleurieu beat the boys by 6 wickets, 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 on a terrific effort!

**Nick Kourmouzis** | Sports Trainee

## Black Friday Specials for BYOD Laptops

It is a great time to buy a device, ready for 2021, as there are plenty of Black Friday specials in store and online.

A reminder to 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.

**Colin Langford** | ICT Manager



## 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



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.



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## College Welcomes 2021 Receptions for Orientation

On Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 November our College was full of new faces as we welcomed our 2021 Reception students for their orientation visit! We look forward to welcoming them as part of our College community in 2020.

*Pictured above: Rutha Htoo.*

**Tracey Davey** | Enrolment Registrar



## Year 8 Student Selected for State Cricket Team

Congratulations to Year 8 Student Jared Kuhl for being selected in the South Australian U/15 State Cricket team that will play in the National carnival in early 2021. Jared has been travelling regularly to Adelaide since June for trainings and matches and had made a big impression as a fast bowler.

Jared plays both junior and senior cricket for South Gambier as well as U/16 for the Glenelg Cricket Club in Adelaide. Jared has been part of the Glenelg cricket academy for the past three years and is also enhancing his skills in the Tenison Woods College High Performance cricket program. We wish Jared well as he continues to progress as a talented young sportsman.

**Ian Ross** | Years 6-12 Health and Physical Education Coordinator



## 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

## Upcoming Events:

### Wednesday 25 November

- Year 7 Winwuni Camp
- College Board Meeting, 7:00pm-10:00pm – College Boardroom

### Thursday 26 November

- 2021 Year 12 Orientation
- Year 7 Winwuni Camp
- Junior School Disco, 1:20pm-2:00pm – Barrie Holmes Stadium
- Year 4 Crater Lakes Excursion

### Friday 27 November

- Last Day for Year 11 Students
- 2021 Year 12 Orientation
- Senior School Awards, 9:00am - Barrie Holmes Stadium
- Year 9 Hospitality Immersion, 9:00am – 3:00pm - Scroll Queen/Metro/ Shes Apples/ Fasta Pasta/ McDonalds
- Zooper Dooper Sale, 1:20pm-2:00pm – Under the Sails
- Years 3-5 Blessing of the Crib Assembly, 2:00pm-2:35 – Barrie Holmes Stadium (Staff and students only)
- Reception-Year 2 Blessing of the Crib Assembly, 2:40pm-3:15pm (Staff and students only)
- Year 7 Winwuni Camp

### Saturday 28 November

- Mass, 6:00pm – St Paul's Church

### Sunday 29 November

- First Day of Advent
- Mass, 9:00am and 11:00am – St Paul's Church

### Monday 30 November

- Year 10 Exams (Whole Week)
- Year 9SHINE Camp (Whole Week)
- 2021 Year 8 Orientation

### Tuesday 1 December

- 2021 Year 8 Orientation
- Conoco Phillips Science Experience – Flinders University, Adelaide
- Handmade Bookmark Sale, 1:20pm – 2:00pm - Mrs Sinkunas Classroom

### Wednesday 2 December

- Year 6 Camp
- Conoco Phillips Science Experience – Flinders University, Adelaide
- Vinnies Book Sale, 1:20pm-2:00pm - Under the Sails

## 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

## Vinnies Book Sale

## 2021 Reception Orientation

Tenison Woods College Middle School students will hold a Book Sale at lunchtime on Wednesday 2 December. 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

