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Do It For Dolly Day

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On Friday 14 May the College recognised 'Do It For Dolly Day', a day about bringing the community together, spreading kindness and taking a stand against bullying.

At the beginning of 2018, the country was stunned by the death of 14-year-old Dolly Everett, a victim of relentless bullying including cyber-bullying. Dolly left behind her parents Kate and Tick Everett, and sister Meg, who established Dolly's Dream to act as a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. Creating a kinder world and working to prevent other precious lives from being lost to bullying.

Middle and Senior Student Leaders showed support for the day by distributing light blue ribbons in the morning to students who pledged to action positive change in the world around them.

This year, 'Do It For Dolly', and help create a safer and kinder world for Australia's kids and communities.

#DoItForDollyDay #bekind



Making the ordinary extraordinary at Tenison Woods College

From the Principal



National Volunteers Week

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. From Monday 17 May to Sunday 23 May 2021, NVW celebrates the significant contribution of Australia's almost six million volunteers.

The theme for NVW 2021 is '*Recognise. Reconnect. Reimagine.*' which acknowledges that it is time to: recognise or celebrate and thank volunteers for the vital role they play in our lives; reconnect to what is important by giving our time to help others and ourselves; reimagine how we better support volunteers and communities they help.

I am so proud of our staff, students and parents who volunteer their service on a roster every Saturday morning to ensure that the Vinnies Shop on Crouch Street is able to offer its service on Saturdays. They tell me that the commitment to volunteering and serving our community is only rivalled by the sense of fun, welcome and community that is created each Saturday.

It is through such examples of volunteering that we appreciate the true essence of our school motto, Let your Light Shine. The Gospel indicates "*Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven*" (Matthew 5:13-16). As such our shining is about inspiring others to a good life and ultimately so that they can be invited to see and experience the abundance of God's love.

Laudato Si' Week

We are celebrating Laudato Si's sixth anniversary this week at Tenison Woods College. Laudato Si was a pivotal encyclical by Pope Francis calling Catholics around the world to care for our common home, our planet. This encyclical provided the foundation for our College's focus on ecology and sustainability and has led to many whole school initiatives and curriculum integration over the past six years. This week we are enjoying six days of activities to acknowledge the critical importance of our ecological and sustainability platform as a school community, and the fun it can also create. Don't forget the Project Recology Open Morning for families, from 9:00am to 11:00am on Saturday 22 May.

National Reconciliation Week – More than a word. Reconciliation takes Action

Beginning next Wednesday 26 May, National Sorry Day, through to Thursday 3 June, members of faith communities across Australia are encouraged to offer prayers for reconciliation between Indigenous and other Australians. This year's theme for National Reconciliation Week is: Grounded in Truth, Walk Together with Courage.

National Day of Healing or Sorry Day (26 May) commemorates the anniversary of the tabling in 1997 of HREOC's Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their families, Bringing Them Home.

National Reconciliation Week occurs from 27 May to 3 June each year, as these two dates mark important anniversaries in Australia's history. On 27 May 1967, Australians passed a referendum that removed clauses from the Australian Constitution which discriminated against Indigenous Australians. On 3 June 1992, the High Court agreed with the position put in the Mabo case, that Australia had been occupied prior to European settlement, and as such, certain rights to native title were preserved by the Indigenous Australians. These two historic steps forwarded the recognition of Indigenous Australians and their rights, as they both reversed previously held beliefs.

Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2021, More than a word. Reconciliation takes action, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of reconciliation is the relationship between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To foster positive race relations, our relationship must be grounded in a foundation of truth. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have long called for a comprehensive process of truth-telling about Australia's colonial history. Our nation's past is reflected in the present, and will continue to play out in future unless we heal historical wounds.

Carpark Care

I remind families of the care required in the carpark area. The speed limit of 15km / hour is designed to assist with maintaining the safety of all community members. Likewise, the smooth running of the 'kiss and drop' area depends on the courtesy of all users to keep the traffic moving. Should children not be at the 'kiss and drop' area ready for pick up, I ask parents to complete another cycle of the area to ensure others can collect their waiting children.

HHDL Four Point Plan

Our current national context in recent times reminds us of the 'precarious confidence' that is present. I firmly believe that our complacency will be our enemy in the next eight months, and as such I reiterate that we will be continuing deliberately and carefully with our HHDL Strategy in Term 2.

I thank you in anticipation for your attention to the HHDL Four Point Plan; good health, good hygiene and hand washing, good distancing and care for others and good learning regardless of student location.

During Term 2, the health and wellbeing of students, families and staff remains our priority. We will continue to ensure that our school is a safe environment, maintaining the additional cleaning regime which was commenced in 2020.

Parish Planned Giving Rebate

I remind families that parents contributing to the Parish Planned Giving may claim a rebate from Tuition Fees of 50% of their contribution up to a maximum claim of \$750. Official Parish receipts are to be presented to the Finance Department after the 30 June 2021 for a deduction to be made.

34th Annual Cardijn Exchange

I am delighted with the way in which our students are preparing for the 34th annual Cardijn College Exchange. The sporting and debating competitions conducted this year at Cardijn College have a wonderful tradition of displaying impressive skill level, team spirit and fair play. Sincere thanks to all parents, staff and students who are involved in preparing for the exchange, with special thanks to Ian Ross, Year 7-12 Sports Coordinator, and the Health and Physical Education Team for their preparation of such a significant event on our College calendar.

Staff Professional Development Days – 10 and 11 June

Staff are looking forward to the staff professional development days on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 June, when they will devote time to literacy and numeracy experiences in the Junior School, Integrated curriculum in the Middle School, Student Agency in the Senior School, as well as evolving further our wellbeing approach at the school. Education Support Officers will also have the opportunity to complete the Youth Mental Health First Aid Course.

I trust students and parents will experience the benefits of the days through our service to students and families throughout the College. I remind families that these days are student-free days.

Nude Food and Minimising Bins Within the School

Buoyed by the Junior School's successful Nude Food initiative and the reduced waste within the school, we are looking to reduce the large dumpsters across the school. We will replace these large dumpsters with smaller bins and work toward a situation where we have a refined approach to external bins for:

- 1. General waste
- 2. Bottles and containers
- 3. Mixed recyclables such as paper, cardboard etc
- 4. Green waste

We are committed to assisting the College in realising this ambition in a collaborative way. This issue is one of the major life learnings of our time for our young and I am committed to ensuring that we act with integrity as a school community and teach our children, through our actions, about the care for our planet. Anything you can do and advise as a family in relation to refining our processes will be gratefully received. I trust that with deliberate, creative and collaborative endeavour we can take this very ordinary issue of waste and achieve extraordinary outcomes for our school and the global community.



God Bless, David Mezinec | Principal

CIM Team News



Laudato Si' Week honours the sixth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on Care for our Common Home. The theme of the week is *"for we know that things can change"*.

This week launches a year-long journey of transformation, as we grow through the crisis of the current moment by praying, reflecting, and preparing together for a better world to come tomorrow. Following Pope Francis' invitation to join Laudato Si' Week, Catholics everywhere will reflect and prepare for action from 16 to 25 May. For further information and for links to resources and seminars please go to https://laudatosiweek.org/.

National Families Week, 15-21 May

Celebrate families! National Families Week is held every year between Saturday 15 May to Friday 21 May. Take a moment this week to pray a simple prayer for our families.

Thank you God, for our family.

Help us to care for each other, to thank each other and to listen to each other. Help us to forgive each other and to look for the best in each other. Amen.

200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia

This year, we celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. From its humble beginnings in Parramatta in October 1820, with 31 students, there are now over 768,000 students enrolled in Catholic schools across the country. As a College community, a Mass will be offered to acknowledge this significant milestone on Friday 28 May at 8:00am in the College chapel. Students, staff and families are welcome to attend. All visitors to the College must sign in upon arrival at the chapel.

A National Mass will be held across all states, territories and dioceses on Monday 24 May, the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians to celebrate this significant event. Tenison Woods College will be represented at the South Australian celebration at St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Adelaide at 10:00am with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan presiding.

The Mass will be live streamed and recorded via the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRtDkvfgz3M_

Sacramental Preparation Program

A reminder that families involved in the program must attend Family Session D, Thursday 27 May, at either 4:30 - 5:45pm or 6:45 - 8:00pm at St Paul's Hall.

Family Mass

Family Masses are held on the 4th Sunday of the month at 11:00am Mass at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. The next Family Mass will be held on Sunday 23 May. Please contact Chloe Shanahan at <u>shanc@tenison.catholic.edu.au</u> or Cisca Teodoro at <u>mgpsacraments@bigpond.com</u> if you would like to be involved in this.

Term 2 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 9.15am in the College Chapel. Until further notice, due to current restrictions, only staff members and students of the College are permitted to attend.

Roster for Term 2 Masses:

Week 4	Thursday 20 May – Year 11
Week 5	Thursday 27 May – Year 9
	Friday 28 May – Year 7
Week 6	Thursday 3 June – Year 12
Week 7	No Mass – Student Free Day
Week 8	Thursday 17 June – No Mass
	Friday 18 June – Whole School Mass
Week 9	Thursday 24 June – Year 4/5
Week 10	Thursday 1 July – Year 8

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator





The Middle School students have made a positive start this term; particularly for our new Year 7 and 8 students further establishing their routines around their timetables, classrooms and locker combinations and evolving new friendships. Students are particularly enjoying their elective offerings, developing and creating exciting projects in their subjects.

Through themes covered in 9Shine, students raised the importance of the Do It For Dolly Day campaign which is about bringing the community together to celebrate kindness and uniting in taking a stand against bullying. Student leaders provided light blue ribbons on Friday 15 May to show support of the Do it for Dolly campaign ensuring that students made a pledge to be kind today and every day.

The Middle School Leaders including Year 7 and 8 class representatives and Year 9 Leaders participated in a GRIP student Leadership conference day last Tuesday. Students had the opportunity to hear how we can improve as leaders and went through the process of identifying things we would like to achieve this year by finding our main goals and learning the steps to make them happen. We learnt about creative ideas to involve in school events, improving things we thought impossible, keeping motivated, and how to involve more students in events. It was a lot of fun and great to establish our goals as a team.

The big takeaways from the day were to follow through on promises, stepping up when it's your time to lead, putting plans into action, and listening to what people want. After the day with many other fellow leaders from other schools, we are now feeling inspired and are eager to introduce our new ideas back to Tenison Woods College with the rest of the middle school leadership by the way of events, improving things already existing in the school, and inventing new things to benefit everyone. We hope to announce some of these very soon.

Bree Robinson and Rajat Pandey | Year 9 Leaders



Pictured above L-R: Patrick Clarke, Fred Grey-Smith, Zoe Eccles, Nathan Creedy, Adhieu Mayom, Grace Ruby, D'Arci Bell, Paul Hammond, Matilda Coe, Charles Moore, Erykah Van Gaans, Jayden Prior, Raine Scott, Jacob Bidese, Gemma Irons, Nickolai Greenham, Taylor Baggio, Bree Robinson, Rajat Pandey, Lana Shepherd.



Creative Arts Spotlight

This semester Stage 1 Creative Arts students focused on their own skill development and were required to create pieces that reflected what they learnt in 8 weeks. Year 11 student Rosemary Rosemary focused on refining her skills in digital painting and Photoshop. Rosemary was inspired by the flat geometric style of Rafty A. The style allowed Rosemary to showcase her skills using the paintbucket, layer development and the use of contrasting colours. She then moved onto a piece inspired by online anime artists including Candle Bambi and Roal. Techniques explored included paintbrush: outlining the image so that proportions are right, utilising the smudge tool: and blending colours. Creating a more realistic feel. The contouring creates depth and highlighting helps to create dimension. The final piece and a self portrait is inspired by the digital work of NPye and demonstrates the loose lines and blending Photoshop allows.

Yunita Manfrin | Visual Arts Design Teacher Year 7-12



Ramadan Celebrations

We acknowledge last Wednesday 12 May was the the end of Ramadan for our Muslim sisters and brothers within our community.

Eid al- Fitr is an important Muslim Feast Day as it marks the end of the month long fasting and prayer time of Ramadan. Families get together with special foods to praise and thank God. It is also a time to show forgiveness and give money to the needy. As with our Catholic faith, the Feast Day can be celebrated a little differently in different countries.

God of all people,

We honour our sisters and brothers who follow the religious tradition of Islam and we particularly ask your blessing for our students and staff who are Muslim, and Muslims around the World as they observe this holy Feast Day. May the gifts of their tradition be a blessing to them and to all people as we seek to find peace, justice and sustainability in our challenged world. Amen

To learn more about Ramadan, please view the video below: <u>https://youtu.be/ulDIBIIgV50</u>



10 Years of Volunteer Service to the College

This week we acknowledge National Volunteer Week (NVW), as we celebrate the significant contribution of Australia's almost six million volunteers.

Volunteer, Andrew Clements (pictured above) is in his 10th year of volunteering his time weekly to the Learning Support Program (LAP) and being a significant adult in the life of a child. Our College volunteers live by the principle of 'It takes a village to educate a child' and understand how significant LAP can be in the lives of our young. We thank our LAP volunteers, like Andrew, for their weekly, steadfast commitment to young lives.

At our College we are so thankful to the parents, students and staff who volunteer their time to our school and parish community in a variety of ways. Any parents who would like to offer their time to LAP, please contact Jess Lucas on 08 87255455 or at <u>lucaj@tenison.catholic.edu.au</u>



Nailed it! 'Clever Carpentry' by Year 8 Students

For the past 8 weeks students enrolled in Clever Carpentry have been busy undertaking their Major Project "4-joint wooden picture frames". As part of this assessment task students were asked to practice and produce the four most common woodworking joints used in carpentry to create a unique picture frame. After students produced their bridle, dowel, butt, and half-lap joints they finished off their projects by uploading and printing a meaningful image.

I am very impressed with how our Year 8's skills and understanding have developed so far this term and I am looking forward to future projects with this cohort. Well done to all of the Year 8's involved!

Pictured above is Halle and her completed picture frame featuring her dog.

George Adamopoulos | Year 7-12 Business, Enterprise and Technology Teacher



Orphan Lamb Visits Poplars

Meet Yoda, a beautiful, fluffy, 15 day old lamb! Yoda was orphaned when his mother didn't survive birth. He has had a rocky start - life is a bit tough without colostrum. As he became stronger, he was able to be around students, who are providing some serious love and care to help him continue to grow and thrive. A recent visit to the Poplars was the first of many as Yoda grows. Students loved the feeding and cuddles just as much as Yoda did.

Nicola Harradine | Poplars Teacher



Australian Olympic Cycling Team Visit

On Friday 14 May, Tenison Woods College students were extremely lucky to have the Australian Olympic Cycling Team visit the College.

The team were in Mount Gambier to compete in the 84th running of the 100 Mile Classic. The Year 3-6 students hosted the team at their Junior School assembly, while the Year 7-10 High Performance Sports Program students sat in on a panel in the Pam Ronan Centre, with both groups getting the opportunity to listen to the athletes talk about their preparations for Tokyo and what it takes to be an elite athlete.

The College thanks the Australian Cycling Team for taking the time to visit the College. All students loved hearing their stories.



Friends of Music Pie Drive

The "Friends of Music' committee is a vibrant group of local community members and parents of Tenison Woods College students. They are conducting a Pie Drive fundraiser which raises money for the music faculty. These funds support the hire of buses, purchase of new music equipment and anything that can assist or encourage music students in the school.

Please check your child's school bag for this form as it needs to be returned back to school with money by Tuesday 15 June.

If you have not received a form and would like to order some pies, please access a form <u>here</u>.





SA Metropolitan Fire Service's Road Awareness Program

All Year 11 and Year 12 students recently attended the SA Metropolitan Fire Service's Road Awareness Program.

Statistics show that road crashes are one of the major causes of death and serious injury for 16-24 year olds in South Australia. Through the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) Road Awareness Program (RAP), we can work towards keeping our students safe on the roads with an honest and straightforward message of concentration and common sense.

The program is specifically designed to give students an insight into road trauma. Past students who have experienced the program report that it has an enormous positive impact, not only in their approach to road use, but also in their attitude as responsible and selfless members of society. The College thanks the MFS for their support.

Ryder-Cheshire Biannual

Chloe Shanahan (Religious Education Coordinator) and I recently attended the Ryder-Cheshire biannual held in Mount Gambier. Ryder-Cheshire Australia is dedicated to the relief of suffering among people who are sick, disabled and destitute, without regard to race, religion, age or gender. The not for profit organisation have two homes in Mount Gambier, specially designed to house local disabled people, and also medical centres in India and Timor-Leste. The Klibur Domin centre in Timor-Leste is an 85 bed health centre that provides health care, a number of different programs for children and adults with disabilities and mental health issues and it also provides dental care. Chloe and I see a lot of potential in building partnerships with local community groups such as Ryder-Cheshire and Rotary to build the capability of our school immersion and we look forward to continuing the good discussion that began on the day.

If you would like to read more about the good work that Ryder-Cheshire do please see their website https://ryder-cheshire.org/#

Bernadette Fisher | Timor-Leste Immersion Coordinator

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Year 7 Canunda Excursion



On Wednesday 5 May the Year 7 students participated in the 'March in May' event at Canunda National Park. This event was organised by the Friends of Canunda/ Beachport Parks and supported by NPWSA and the Limestone Coast Landscape Board.

The day included an 8.5km loop walk around the Park to promote both fitness and connecting with nature. Students stopped at several stations along the way to hear talks by local experts on various topics which included Wetland Ecology, Shorebirds, Indigenous culture and Pioneer History of Canunda. The day was challenging with the quick-paced walk through the undulating terrain and the distance covered, but students were rewarded with the beautiful scenery and fantastic weather.

Many students were amazed by what they learnt on the day! Shorebirds travel from Lake Bonney all the way up to Russia, Indigenous bush fruits were plentiful during the warmer months, right up until May. Lake Bonney used to be pink! And the frogs, local to the Canunda wetlands, have an impressive vocal range! With sand in our shoes and many with sore feet, it was a great day.

Barb Metzger | Year 7 Teacher







Counsellor's Corner

This week we will focus on how to support boys in early secondary school. We invite you to read this insightful excerpt by parent expert Michael Grose:

The first year of secondary school is a time of massive change and boys can struggle more than girls. Even though some of our boys are physically mature and look big and grown-up, this time can be challenging, unpredictable and full of big emotions.

Buried under some early adolescent angst are tendencies for forgetfulness and poor organisation due to brain pruning, which is a 'trimming down' process in the teenage brain where irrelevant/unused mental connections from childhood are lost.

To continue reading the excerpt by Michael Grose click here.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday 22 May

• Parish Mass, 5:00pm, St Paul's Church

Sunday 23 May

Parish Mass, 11:00am, St Paul's Church

Monday 24 May

- Stage 1 Outdoor Education Rock Climbing Camp
- Year 3 History Excursion
 Year 5AXP Centenary Tower Excursion, 11:15am 1:15pm
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Tuesday 25 May

- Whole School Virtual Assembly Part 1
- Stage 1 Outdoor Education Rock Climbing Camp

Wednesday 26 May

- Whole School Virtual Assembly Part 2
- Stage 1 Outdoor Education Rock Climbing Camp
- National Sorry Day

COVID Safe Check-In for Tenison Woods College

When you arrive at Tenison Woods College for an event, you will now see the My SA GOV QR Code for COVID Safe Check-in.



Chris Lloyd | Online Assessment Coordinator



-SAFE CHECK-IN

Raising funds for Timor-Leste

Ticket Sales Close this Friday 21 May

Tenison Woods College Year 11 and 12 students

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Moments only last for seconds but memories last forever

Date: Friday 28 May Time: 7:00 PM - 11:30 PM Location: City Hall Main Corner, Mount Gambier

Tickets \$40 - Payment and Collection via Tenison Woods College Front Office Tickets sales close this Friday 21 May !

Dress Code: Smart Casual Cocktail

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TENISON WOODS COLLEGE STAGE 1 & 2 DRAMA'S CACOPHONY OF WHISPERS PRESENTS...





by Kristen Doherty

A vignette-style play about being a teenager



Wednesday 2 June, 7pm Wehl Street Theatre

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM, GOLD COIN DONATION ENTRY AT DOOR RECOMMENDED FOR AUDIENCES AGED 14 AND OVER

OFFSTAGE: JOSHUA AMOROSO AND JACK NEWTON ONSTAGE: MILLA BUCKINGHAM, SAM BURKE, ASHLEY DE JONG, BILLY DIXON, LARA DODDS, MAKINLEE FUTCHER, TRAVIS IND, EDIE JONES, CAITLIN LATUS, AIDEN MUSTEY, LIAM NOTT, ALANA O'CONNELL, JOEL SCHUBERT, ALEX TRY, FAITH BIERWIRTH-LEIGH AND AMELIA TAYLOR

LAUDATOSI' MAY 16-25

Laudato Si' Week 2021, to be held May 16-25, will be the crowning event of the Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year, and a celebration of the great progress the whole Church and the College especially has made on its journey to ecological conversion.

HEALTHY NUDE FOOD PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

6:00pm in the Lecture Theatre. how your family can requery y Lynley Seaman about ho Light nibbles provided.

n our College's Nude Food revolution and learn waste. Hear from acclaimed nutritionist can fuel your family with healthy food.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL LUNCHTIME CLEANUP

Led by Middle School Encro's Colby Ind and Alexei Georgiou. Participants will each accelet to a lunch time screening of The Lorax on Thurson



LUNCHTIME WORLD RECORD LIDS SORTING

We want as many stude as as possible to help us set a World Record for the moduli sorted in a half hour window. Get to the Project Recology Sharpat lunch to be a part of history

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LAUDATO SI' MOVIE THE LORAX

Screening in the Lecture Theatre. Invited students must show their ticket to enter



LUNCHTIME NATURE WALK THROUGH MARIST PARK

Join Mr Linnell and student leaders on a walk through Marist Park walk. Be prepared to leave from the grassed area in front of the Front Office at 1:25pm. Students and Teachers welcome



OPEN MORNING @ PROJECT RECOLOGY SHED

9:00am-11:00am. Families are invited to experience our Project Recology space in action. Bring your recyclable plastic items, help us sort some material, assist in making some products, talk all things recycling.

For further details, please contact Tom Linnell at linnt@tenison.catholic.edu.au





AFTER SCHOOL STUDY CENTRE

SENIOR SCHOOL - PRC COMMON ROOM

ART AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST, TUTORING IS PROVIDED EACH NIGHT FOR STUDENTS

MONDAY:

RESEARCH PROJECT PLP CHEMISTRY MATHS

TUESDAY:

P.E.
PSYCHOLOGY
BIOLOGY
MATHS
ENGLISH

THURSDAY:

CHEMISTRY ENGLISH MATHS TECH STUDIES

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