

Weekly Newsletter



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Laudato Si' Week Activities

Last week the College celebrated Laudato Si's sixth anniversary, a pivotal encyclical by Pope Francis calling Catholics around the world to care for our common home. 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. Students and staff participated in a variety of events to acknowledge Laudato Si' week, such as plastic lid sorting in the Recology space, a nature walk and lunchtime clean-ups! Participation in the clean-ups secured students a ticket for a special lunchtime movie viewing. The College also held a Healthy 'Nude Food' Information Night in the Lecture Theatre, to discuss fuelling your family with healthy food and reducing waste. A great level of involvement from students and staff all around the College!

Monday - Nude Food Information Session



Tuesday - Lunchtime Clean-Up



Wednesday - Lunchtime Lid Sorting



Thursday - Lorax Movie at Lunchtime



Friday - Nature Walk



Making the ordinary extraordinary at Tenison Woods College

From the Principal



200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia

On Monday 24 May, School Captains Sarah McKinnon and Austin Rossi joined our Religious Education Coordinator, Chloe Shanahan, Father Dean and I at the Mass celebrated by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan DD for the Bicentenary of Catholic Education in Australia. The Mass was held at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wakefield Street, Adelaide.

Father Dean also concelebrated this significant Mass of thanksgiving on the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians with Archbishop O'Regan. The feast day of Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844, when the infant Church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. In those early and mostly priestless days, it was largely the Rosary that kept the faith alive. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary, and was the first nation to choose her, under the title of Help of Christians, as Principal Patron.

Two hundred years ago, Father John Therry answered the call to educate the youth of Parramatta, and from that small beginning of 31 students began the ministry of Catholic education which spans 1,755 schools, 100,000 staff and 777,000 students. Over 200 years Catholic preschools, schools and universities have transformed Australia through the millions of lives influenced.

On this anniversary, which was poignantly celebrated on the solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians, we remember all who have been part of this heritage, including Father Therry and Australia's first saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We recall on this anniversary, all that has been the story of Catholic education in Australia; the successes and disappointments; joys and sufferings; as well as the faith and community that has enabled Catholic Education to make such a significant contribution to the fabric of life in Australia.

In doing so, we also recognise the clergy, religious leaders, lay men and women, parents and parishes who have contributed so much to nurturing young lives. Particularly at Tenison Woods College we give thanks for the Sisters of Mercy, the Marist Brothers, the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Father Julian Tenison Woods, all who provide the pillars of our College community which are known to us today through our College Houses: McAuley; Champagnat; MacKillop; and Woods.

On Monday, Sarah and Austin represented the College student community with distinction and were delighted to share some time with the Director of Catholic Education, Dr Neil McGoran, and Archbishop of the Diocese of Adelaide, Doctor of Divinity Patrick O'Regan.



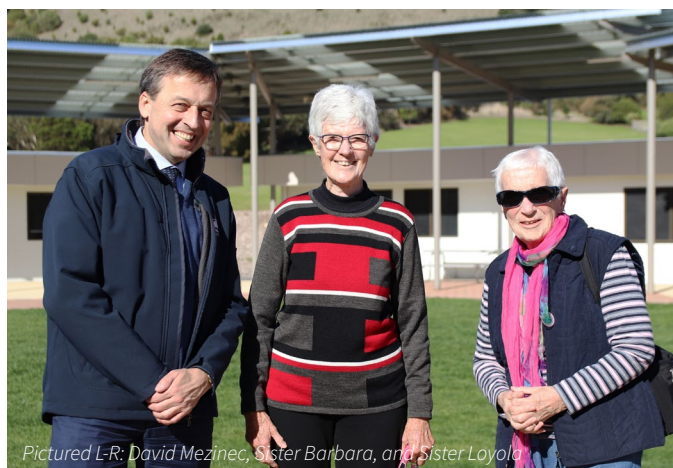
(Pictured L-R: Father Dean, Sarah McKinnon, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, Austin Rossi, David Mezinec, and Chloe Shanahan.)

Visit of Sister Loyola and Sister Barbara

At this time of acknowledging our Catholic story in Australia I was delighted to receive a visit from Sisters of Mercy, Sister Loyola and Sister Barbara, who called in to the school last Friday for a visit and presented the school with a range of texts which capture the story of Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy. Both sisters grew up as children in Mount Gambier and also ministered as teachers at St Paul's and Tenison College.

Sister Loyola and Sister Barbara were also delighted to tour the new developments of the College since they last visited in 2019. With Gilap Wanga, the ELCC extensions and the new Reception MacKillop Community Centre there was plenty for them to see.

The books donated to the school will take pride of place in our College library and assist our students to appreciate the shoulders on which they stand, and the wonderful Mercy legacy which is a significant weave in the fabric of our College faith community.



(Pictured L-R: David Mezinec, Sister Barbara, and Sister Loyola.)

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

Beginning today, 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.

Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2021, *More than a word. Reconciliation takes action*, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. 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.

Timor-Leste Charity Ball – Be More, Not Want More

Once again, as part of the Timor-Leste fundraising, we will be holding a Charity Ball this Friday evening. The Charity Ball is an opportunity for students in Year 11 and 12 to join together for a night of socialising and dancing at the City Hall – Main Corner while raising much needed funds and awareness for our closest neighbours in Timor-Leste.

Timor is experiencing hardship at present with high COVID-19 numbers, long lockdowns that make it difficult for people to earn an income, and recent flooding that sadly killed many people, displaced others and destroyed crops. To embrace the concept of the Charity Ball a couple of new initiatives will be introduced this year. Firstly, students will be encouraged to donate back money that they saved on their outfit, hair, make up etc. There will be a collection box at the entrance for students to make this cash donation if they wish to do so. Secondly, an auction of goods and services will be held on the night, which will be a lot of fun. These will be auctioned for a small monetary amount. Students will not be required to bring cash for this auction, as the winning bidders will have the opportunity to pay at a later date.

We encourage families to have a discussion with their young person, and as much as we want students to look their best, we would like students to be mindful that in Timor-Leste, \$40 can feed a family of four for one month.

Please consider a conservative approach to this event. Perhaps borrow a dress or use one you already have? Don't buy new shoes, use existing shoes. Why not try Vinnies for that suit or slacks, or to accessorise your outfit. How about donating the money you would normally spend with a hairdresser directly to the cause? See if you can 'go without' an item or luxury appointment to help those in Timor-Leste who have very little. Every cent we raise will go directly to this cause, so please think about this.

Have you HHDLed?

Have you applied your HHDL? 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 remain our priority. We will continue to ensure that our school is a safe environment, maintaining the additional cleaning regime which 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

We wish our students all the best for the 34th annual Cardijn College Exchange for the sporting and debating competitions conducted this year at Cardijn College.

Cardijn College and Tenison Woods College have a wonderful tradition of 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 Mr Ian Ross, 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 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.

God Bless,
David Meziniec | Principal



CIM Team News

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. The National Catholic Education Commission has released a video performance of Fr Rob Galea's song, Faith in the Future, the national song of this year. You can view it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4bFOGCEz-I>. 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.

Reconciliation Week

The theme for #NRW2021 is 'More than a Word. Reconciliation takes action', urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. Reconciliation Australia focuses on shaping Australia's journey towards a more just, equitable and reconciled nation. In 2001, 300,000 people came together to walk on bridges and roads across the nation and show their support for a more reconciled Australia.

*Holy Father, God of Love,
You are the Creator of this land and all good things.
We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history
and the sufferings of Our peoples,
and we ask your forgiveness.
We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures.
Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus
to reconcile the world to you.
We pray for your strength and grace to forgive,
accept and love one another, as you love us
and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son.
Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history
so that we may build a better future for our Nation.
Teach us to respect all cultures.
Teach us to care for our land and waters.
Help us to share justly the resources of this land.
Help us to bring about spiritual and social change
to improve the quality of life for all groups
in our communities, especially the disadvantaged.
Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit.
May your power and love be the foundations
on which we build our families,
our communities and our Nation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Wontulp-Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group, 13 March 1997, Brisbane

Pentecost

This past weekend, the Church celebrated the end of the Easter season with the Feast of Pentecost.

Pentecost marks the beginning of the Church when the Holy Spirit 'came down upon' the apostles giving them the power to begin their mission to spread the Good News and to make disciples of people in every nation. This began a new way of God being 'with us' as disciples, to celebrate the hope and joy of the empty tomb in our every day lives and to share that hope and joy with others.

Sacramental Preparation Program

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

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.

The roster for Term 2 masses:

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



Annual Cardijn Exchange: Let the games begin

The annual Cardijn-Tenison Woods Exchange has arrived. Established in 1987 by the respective sports coordinators Paul Rijken and Robert Doyle, the exchange returns after being cancelled in 2020 with great anticipation and excitement.

Departing this coming Sunday and returning Tuesday evening, the exchange offers great opportunities for our students and staff. As a 56 member group with 7 staff, we have 11 teams, consisting of Football, Netball (A+B), Basketball (boys and girls), Touch Football (mixed), FUTSAL (boys and girls), Volleyball (boys and girls), and debating, who will be assuming the negative position on the topic "Social Media causes disconnection." Students will be playing multiple sports over the three day event.

The Tenison Woods College team is highly enthusiastic about the opportunities to reacquaint with staff and students, reinvigorate the spirit of friendly competition and remind ourselves of how wonderful this exchange has been, is now and will continue to be. Whether it be the debate, the musical performances or the sports, the 3- day exchange will create wonderful opportunities for us to see each other's strengths, witness each other's courage, celebrate traditions, and allow us to see the many benefits of camaraderie with its core values of friendship and unity. Fundamentally, the exchange is a unique opportunity that fosters a genuine spirit of sportsmanship, friendship and excellence. Good luck to all students. Let the games begin!

Ian Ross | 7-12 Sports Coordinator

Leader's Latest



Hello, it's your sustainability leaders Daniela and George here! During Week 4, the College community came together to be involved in a range of sustainability activities. Last Monday, the College held a parent information night about nude food and healthy eating. On Tuesday, our Middle School sustainability leaders Colby Ind and Alexei Georgiou ran a Junior School clean up. This involved participants from the Junior School being rewarded with movie tickets to watch The Lorax on Thursday lunchtime in return for their efforts. On Wednesday, we held an event at the Project Recology shed where we attempted to set a record for the most bottle caps sorted in 30 minutes. We sorted a total amount of 16,200 lids within a 30-minute window. We look forward to beating that record next year. On Thursday, we screened The Lorax movie for the students who participated in Wednesday's activity and they were given popcorn which was provided by our Middle School Sustainability Leaders Colby and Alexei. On Friday, we did a nature walk in Marist Park and we had an amazing turnout of students who enjoyed the day. To finish off Laudato Si' week, on Saturday, we had an open morning from 9:00 am - 11:00 am, inviting families to the Project Recology shed. It was wonderful to see so many families involved in this activity, talking about recycling, looking at best practices and the interesting ways to use plastic. Finally, we would like to thank Mrs Mc Court's Year 9 Academy of Hospitality class for catering last Monday night, Mr Agnew and staff who supervised on Friday and to all teachers who helped throughout Laudato Si' Week. We would also like to thank both Colby Ind and Alexei Georgiou for giving up their lunchtimes to help, and a special thanks also goes out to Mr Linnell and Mr Unger as all of this would not be possible without their efforts.

Daniela Ortiz Kaiser and George Wimshurst | Sustainability Leaders



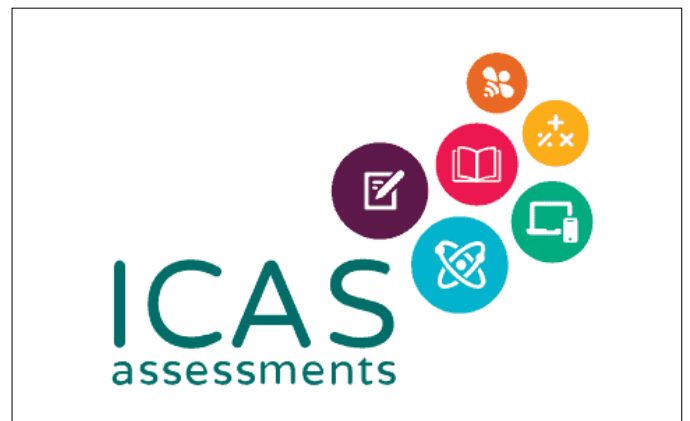
Friends of Music Pie Drive

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 a pie drive order form. If you would like to make an order, the form 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 [here](#).

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts



ICAS Assessments 2021

Tenison Woods College will again be participating in the ICAS Assessments in 2021. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bees and Digital Technologies.

Every student receives a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for Year 2 to Year 10 students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. ICAS Assessments are online as this allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

Student registration is done through the ICAS Assessments parent payment system (PPS). Through this system parents can pay for ICAS directly online, but tests will still be held at our site. Please use the details in the [attached letter](#) to register your child no later than 10 July, 2021. The dates for each assessment are also in this letter, along with the prices.

Additionally, the accompanying permission slip must be completed and returned to me no later than 1 August 2021. If you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at lloyc@tenison.catholic.edu.au

Chris Lloyd | Online Assessment Coordinator



2021 National Simultaneous Storytime

Last week, on Wednesday 19 May, the College celebrated the 21st annual National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) with a reading of the book 'Give Me Some Space!'. Tenison Woods College students enjoyed the story read by NASA Astronaut, Shannon Walker, as she floated in space in the International Space Station! The book was enjoyed simultaneously in schools and many other places around the country.

At lunchtime, students participated in the 'LEGO Masters' challenge to make a rocket, matching the NSS theme this year. Reception students created amazing artwork of an astronaut in space to celebrate the day.

The Early Learning and Community Centre (ELCC) kindergarten children have been exploring space, creating planets and rockets, learning more about the International Space Station and playing as Astronauts in anticipation of the Simultaneous Storytime. The children have listened to stories, researched facts and images from space, sang space songs and created space art masterpieces.

Don't miss your chance to see the Stage 1 and 2 Drama class present *Teen* by Kristen Doherty at Wehl Street Theatre on Wednesday 2 June! Entry is secured with a gold coin donation on the night and doors open at 6:30pm. Students are presenting their work with both on and offstage roles. Let's celebrate the class' hard work and the reopening of live theatre performances with a great turnout!

Eliza Suggate | Drama Teacher

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

Teen

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



Maticfic

Maticfic, is an online digital primary mathematics learning platform that thousands of students take part in every year. During the month of June, Maticfic will be running a mathematics competition and selected students in the Junior School are going to be working together in year level groups to compete against other student teams from other schools across Australia. The AUS/NZ Maticfic Olympiad, which runs from Thursday 3 to Friday 4 June, awards students with stars as they progress through the interactive mathematics activities. The more the students play, the more stars are collected and the closer the College becomes to winning The Maticfic Olympiad trophies, cash prizes, and recognition.

It's a great opportunity for children to practice mathematics, have fun and boost confidence. The best part about this great competition is that screen time, really is learning time.

For more information please email me at lawre@tenison.catholic.edu.au or see the website www.maticfic.com to find out how your child can be involved at home and school.

Elisa Lawrie | EY-6 Pathways Coordinator

Year 5 Geography Excursion

As a part of Year 5 Geography, students have been looking at different types of environments and the impacts that humans have on these environments. As a part of these lessons, the Year 5 classes took the steep walk up the 400 stairs (according to the students) to the Centenary Tower. Student were amazed by the view from the top and all of the different environments that could be identified in the Valley Lakes area alone. A wonderful learning experience but also a great opportunity to get outside and enjoy the fresh air and amazing views over Mount Gambier.

Donna Johnson | Year 5 Teacher



Year 3 ANZAC Excursion

The Year 3 students completed their HASS unit on the ANZACS with a special excursion that took them out and about this week. The students rotated through a variety of activities at the Mount Gambier Library including wreath making, designing and creating war medals and a guided tour of the RSL Museum. Students completed the day with a beautiful Commemoration Ceremony at Vansittart Park followed by some fun on the playground.

Liz Snell | Year 3 Teacher





Outdoor Education - Mount Arapiles Expeditions

Two separate Year 10 classes (27 students) recently completed 3-day expeditions to Mount Arapiles (located in Western-Victoria) as part of their Stage 1 Outdoor Education course. The groups based themselves at the picturesque Centenary park campsite and experienced Bouldering, Rock Climbing and Abseiling, along with a challenging short walk to the Summit with their day bags.

Guided by fully accredited and highly experienced instructors from South West Adventures who supplied all the equipment, the groups developed their skills and confidence with these challenging experiences and were all wonderfully supported and encouraged by their staff and fellow students. Rock climbing ranged in height between 10 metres to 25 metres, while the abseils started at 8 metres but progressed to a thrill seeking 35 metres. Mitre Rock offered excellent climbing at various grades, while Bushranger Bluff provided all students a number of easier climbs which was ideal for our groups to enjoy and build their self-belief and trust in themselves and others who were learning to belay for the first time. Great views of the Wimmera plains were enjoyed while climbing.

Students had to self-cater, sleep in tents and develop self-reliant skills. Part of the experience included no access to showers and using basic ablutions. A major positive outcome for all students was pushing through discomfort zones and working dynamically as groups.

Well done to all participants for achieving excellent results on these expeditions.

Ian Ross | Outdoor Education Teacher



Indoor Mini Golf in the Lecture Theatre – Year 7 Core PE

As a part of their Target Games unit, Mr Maney's Year 7 class recently set up their own indoor Mini Golf course. Students were given an individual hole to design and used an array of different equipment to create obstacles on their course. Students competed against each other using specially designed scorecards and vastly improved their 'short game'; a lot of fun for all involved!

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 26 May

- National Sorry Day

Thursday 27 May

- National Reconciliation Week
- Whole School Virtual Assembly
- Sacrament Family Session D, 4:30pm - 5:45pm or 6:45pm - 8:00pm

Friday 28 May

- National Reconciliation Week
- PLP Work Placement Paperwork Due
- Whole School Virtual Assembly
- 200 Years of Catholic Education Mass, 8:00am, Tenison Woods College Chapel
- Tenison Woods College Charity Ball, 7:00pm - 11:30pm, Mount Gambier City Hall

Saturday 29 May

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

Sunday 30 May

- Parish Mass, 11:00am, St Paul's Church
- Cardijn Exchange departs, 9:30am, Barrie Holmes Stadium

Monday 31 May

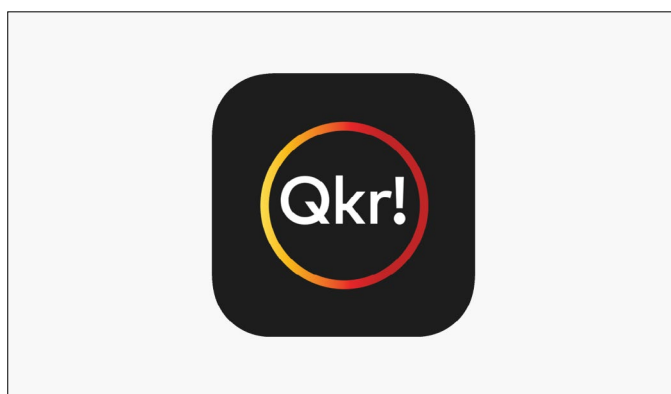
- National Reconciliation Week
- Cardijn Exchange
- Year 6 SAPSASA Netball and AFL Football Carnival

Tuesday 1 June

- National Reconciliation Week
- Cardijn Exchange
- Year 7 SAPSASA Netball and AFL Football Carnival

Wednesday 2 June

- National Reconciliation Week
- Year 6 SAPSASA Netball and AFL Football Carnival
- Year 12 Drama Performance, 7:00pm, Wehl Street Theatre



QKR! App Important Reminders

When using the QKR! App for canteen orders, please be reminded of the below points. The Canteen have noticed an increase in errors, so please take care when ordering. User accuracy is extremely important when using the QKR! App. Please be vigilant with student name, and class. If you have made a mistake, you can click profile on the QKR home page, and edit the student's profile.

- Only 1 Order Per Child (please don't order for siblings using 1 child's name, each child needs their own unique profile)
- If child goes home sick, please let the Front Office know that they had a canteen order for that day (or phone the canteen directly on 8724 4607 to notify). Any children who are sick, without the canteen being notified prior to recess time will forfeit their order.
- Once orders are placed on the App, no changes can be made to the order.
- If a forward order is completed, the money will be deducted from the chosen bank account on the day the order is placed.

Leanne Sandow | Canteen Manager

**Attention Year 11 and Year 12 Students
Last Chance to Purchase Tickets!**

Raising funds for Timor-Leste

2021 Charity Ball

Tenison Woods College Year 11 and 12 students

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

Dress Code: Smart Casual / Cocktail





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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:

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