

# Weekly Newsletter



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Student Free Days:

TOMORROW Thursday 10 June and Friday 11 June

## Stage 1 and 2 Drama Performance - Teen



The Stage 1 and 2 Drama class has had the chance to create our own theatre company in 2021, which the students have named Cacophony of Whispers. Our mission statement is that:

*"Our purpose is to create a revolutionary, entertaining theatre experience. Rethinking drama to immerse our viewers into the world of theatre, we aspire to present a high-quality performance whilst showcasing the shared talents of our company."*

I think it is safe to say that we achieved this with our latest production, performed at Wehl Street Theatre on Wednesday 2 June. Kristen Doherty's 'Teen' gave us the opportunity to present a snapshot of life as a teenager. We approached this play as an opportunity to explore the challenge presented by actors playing multiple roles onstage. This impacted all areas of stagecraft, both onstage and offstage. To this end, we explored some of the acting techniques of Bertolt Brecht and the audience observed the actors perform their own scene changes and even change their costumes. The night was a resounding success, and the students should be extremely proud of their hard work!

**Eliza Suggate** | Drama Teacher/Director





# From the Principal

## Student Pulse Surveys – Student Wellbeing and Agency at the core of our Endeavours

During Week 5 and 6 all students were asked to complete the CESA Pulse Check. This Check In has been designed to offer students an opportunity to provide information about how they are currently feeling about school. The information provided by students will give the College valuable feedback to help improve how it cares for our young.

I clarify that there were no right or wrong answers, but rather we were asking students how they are feeling about school - that is what we want to know about.

Significantly this survey is designed to help us help our students to become, as per the mission of Catholic Education South Australia, a thriving person, capable learner and leader for the world that God desires.

### Every learner has a place to SHINE at Tenison Woods College

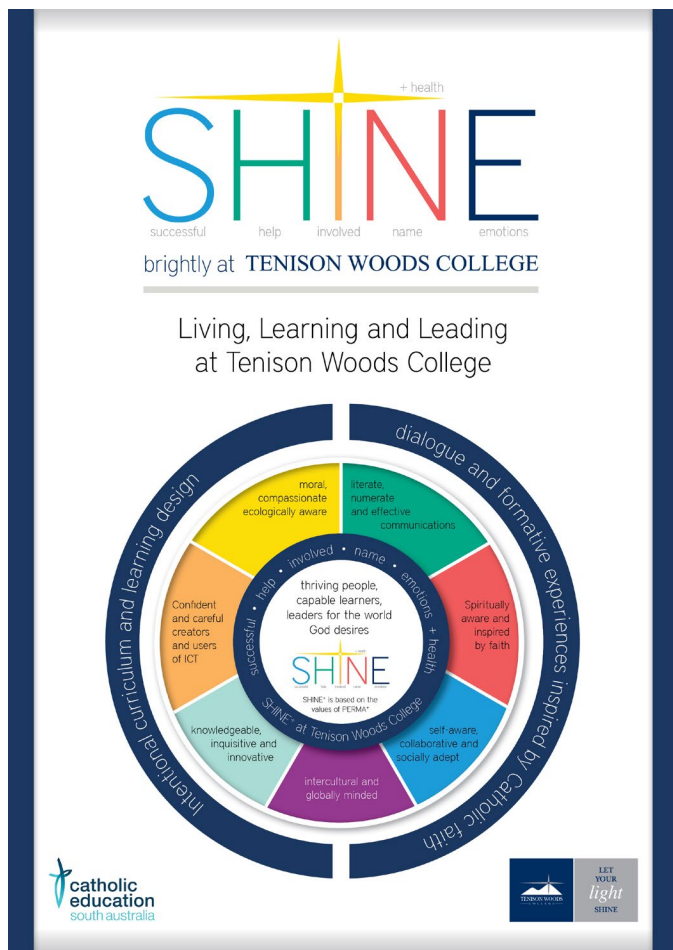
At Tenison Woods College we say that every learner has a place, every learner has a pathway and every learner will shine. That is our challenge and that is our celebration.

Our College approach to Catholic Education SA's commitment to Living, Learning and Leading, the ingredients of a full life, is expressed through our SHINE+ approach.

In essence we explicitly promote and foster a disposition for young people to develop their capabilities through enabling them to nurture their holistic wellbeing and resilience in the six pillars of PERMA+ or PERMAH. These six pillars; Positive Emotions, Engagement, Relationships, Meaning, Achievement and Health; develop robust levels of wellbeing.

Positive education involves applying these elements in an educational setting with a strength-based approach that offers individuals insights into themselves and others by exploring thoughts, feelings and values to unlock personal and academic potential.

So for our context at Tenison Woods College students who thrive or shine are nurtured in the following way to 'SHINE+':



- S - Strive to be SUCCESSFUL/Be SUCCESSFUL**
- Learn new things and be excellent
- Be brave and push out of your comfort zone
- Build a growth mindset and learn from mistakes



- H - HELP others to be their best**
- Be prepared to offer your talents
- Find your passion through service
- Build community



- I - Get INVOLVED**
- Set your goals
- Know your strengths
- Get in the flow



- N - Known by NAME**
- Show respect
- Get to know others
- Include everyone



- E - ENJOY Positive EMOTIONS**
- Be present in the moment
- Appreciate the good things
- Be yourself



- + - Be HEALTHY**
- Get to know your God
- Be active and exercise regularly
- Eat well and drink plenty of water
- Take time to recharge and get a good night's sleep

This year's theme and commitment is to "make the Ordinary Extraordinary." Mary MacKillop encouraged her sisters to see the sacred in the ordinariness of our lives, and as such the school theme for 2021 speaks to us about:

- Presence to the individual moments.
- Presence to people.
- Presence to God and the gifts God has given us.
- Teachers making our pedagogy extraordinary, where all matter, are included, achieve.

This theme to "make the Ordinary Extraordinary" is also an invitation to deliberately live the College's SHINE+; sharing our time, gifts, talents and leadership for this awesome school family.

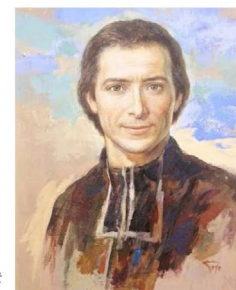
### The Feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Marcellin Champagnat, who founded the Marist Brothers Religious Order. The commitment and motto of the order remains "All to Jesus through Mary, and all to Mary for Jesus".

Marcellin taught his Marist Brothers to love and respect children, and to give special attention to the poor, the most ungrateful and the most neglected. Today our College community stands on the shoulders of Marcellin, the many Marist Brothers and many committed staff who have offered their gifts to our young through their service to our and other Catholic schools in the Marist tradition.

**"If you want to teach young people, first you must love them – love them all equally"**

*St Marcellin Champagnat*



### Victorian lockdown and HHDL Strategy

In response to the recent COVID-19 outbreaks in Victoria, we are deliberately and carefully continuing with our HHDL Strategy, asserting good Health, good Hygiene and hand washing, good Distancing and care for others, and good Learning regardless of student location.

I ask that you maintain the high HHDL standards which we commenced in 2020. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### 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.

**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.

God Bless,  
**David Mezinac** | Principal

**CIM Team News**



**Vinnie's Day**

Next Thursday 17 June, the Tenison Woods College community will be supporting the Vinnie's Winter Appeal. This appeal provides emergency relief to people at risk and experiencing homelessness in our communities. Through the generous support of our students, families and staff, we can make a difference to the lives of many this winter.

Students from Early Learning to Year 12 are encouraged to wear casual clothes and donate a gold coin which goes directly to the Winter Appeal. Early Learning Junior School students are encouraged to donate brand new beanies, socks, gloves or a scarf OR an item of canned food. Middle and Senior School students are encouraged to donate items of canned food. Founder points will also be awarded per food item that is donated.

Staff will also be "dressed by Vinnie's" for the day and will donate cereal boxes. These will be set up underneath the sails during the day to see if we can break a record for the longest domino chain. There will also be a book sale, with prices starting at \$1, with money being directly donated to the Winter Appeal.

We ask families to give generously to the appeal.



**VINNIES DAY**

Thursday 17 June (Week 8)  
 Led by Student Leaders




Whole School  
**Casual Clothes Day**  
**Gold Coin**



Vinnies Book Sale  
 Prices from \$1 Under the Sails

ELCC and Junior School  
**'HEAD, HEARTS AND HANDS'**



Donate a new beanie, gloves or socks **or** a can

Donations Required:  
 Canned soup  
 Canned vegetables  
 Canned Meals  
 Canned fruit  
 Spreads, jam, etc (no glass)  
 Rice  
 Pasta

Middle/Senior School  
**'CANS, COINS AND CASUALS'**

Donate a can  
 Bring a coin

**Whole School Mass**

Next Friday, 18 June, we will join together in the Barrie Holmes Stadium at 9.00am to celebrate our Whole School Mass. The focus is Making the Ordinary Extraordinary, which we will see on Vinnie's Day. Until further notice, due to current restrictions, only staff members and students of the College are permitted to attend.

**Reception – Year 3 Liturgies**

Our Reception to Year 3 students celebrated their liturgies last week, focusing on Reconciliation Week, Mother Mary, Mary MacKillop and Baptism. These were a beautiful way to join together as a year level and to celebrate the learning happening in their classrooms.

**ELC and Year 11 Liturgy**

Our ELC students joined their Year 11 buddies in the College chapel for the very first time last week, to celebrate a special liturgy focusing on Reconciliation Week. They were very fortunate to have Fr Dean join them in their celebration and lead our students to a greater understanding of what Reconciliation Week means for us at our College.

**Youth Mass**

Youth Mass is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the 5.00pm Saturday Mass at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. The next Youth Mass will be held on Saturday 19 June. The music and readings at this mass are led by the young people from the College and the Parish. Please contact Marilena Wilson if you would like to be involved in this. The monthly Youth Mass is followed by a Youth Group dinner and discussion group. Young people in Year 8 and above are encouraged to attend.

**COYYA Youth Consultation – Raise Your Voice!**

The Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA) will be visiting the South East on 19-21 June and working with young people in our parish and College community. This is an opportunity for the voices of young people between the ages of 16 and 30 to provide feedback on life, the local church, and other issues relevant to this age group in preparation for the diocesan Youth Assembly in August. This information will also be included in the consultation for the Diocesan Assembly in September.

**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 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



**Vinnies Book Sale**

As part of the 2021 Tenison Woods College Vinnies Day, Student Leaders will have books from Vinnies for sale in the Library all day. Parents are welcome to bring in their children before or after school to purchase a book. There will be a QR code in the Library for adults to sign in. Books are priced from \$1 - \$3. Please contact myself at [lloyd@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lloyd@tenison.catholic.edu.au) for more details.

**Chris Lloyd** | Teacher Librarian

# Leader's Latest



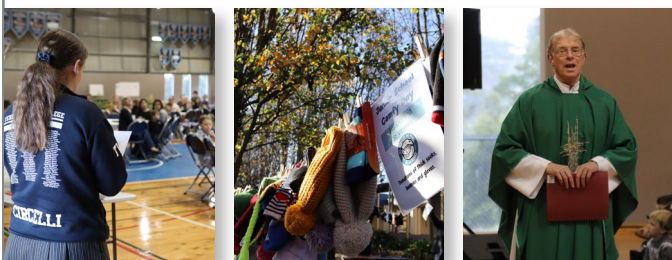
Good afternoon everyone. Our names are Madison Fatchen and Alice Circelli, and we are your Mission Leaders for 2021. Term 2 is going by fast, and we have had some memorable days celebrated, the most popular being Mother's Day which was celebrated on Friday 7 of May (Week 2). Mothers, Grandmothers, and friends of the College joined us for a special Mother's Day breakfast. Families gathered to share breakfast with their loved ones, acknowledging the special women in our lives. We both enjoyed spending the morning with our mums and forming special bonds with others in the school community.

Looking ahead to next Thursday 17 June, we will celebrate Vinnies Day and raise awareness for those less fortunate within our community. The day encourages students to attend school in casual clothes with a gold coin donation to help raise funds for the Saint Vincent de Paul Organisation. Junior school students are also encouraged to donate new beanies, gloves, or socks, or a can to promote our motto 'head, hearts and hands' and give back to our school and local communities. Middle and Senior School students are also encouraged to bring 'cans, coins and casuals' to embrace the meaning of the day which is to give back to those less fortunate. Furthermore, throughout the day there will be a Vinnies Book Sale under the sails, with prices from \$1.

On Friday 18 June, at 9:00am, the whole school will come together to celebrate Mass as a community. Father Dean will lead the service and it will be held in the Barrie Holmes Stadium, focussing on the theme of 'making the Ordinary Extraordinary.'

We thank everyone for their efforts and participation throughout this term. We look forward to your contribution and generous support of new and exciting causes and events for the remainder of Term 2.

**Alice Circelli and Madison Fatchen** | Mission Leaders



# REMINDER FRIENDS MUSIC

## 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 place 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



## Indigenous Jumper

The College is extremely excited to present a specially-designed Indigenous jumper! Representing Boandik ancestors, the longevity of the Boandik people and the Boandik Land which Tenison Woods College is on, the jumper is the result of a great collaboration of artwork design, knowledge sharing and learnings with Boandik students and community. The design also represents all families from across Boandik Mraat (Country).

The initiative was brought about from the College Sports department, keen to add an Indigenous jumper to the many sports in the local, regional and state-wide competitions that students represent the College in. In approaching Matthew Brookes, local Boandik Descendant and Old Scholar, the idea became reality as students Noah, Ethan, Sam and Addison Sims and Chelsea and Georgia Ryan collaborated with artist, Belinda Bonney, and local footballer, Jordan Brennan.

These multipurpose tops will be worn by Year 7-12 students in both male and female sports. A fantastic initiative with an outstanding end result; well done to all involved!

**Ian Ross** | 7-12 Health and Physical Education Coordinator



## National Simultaneous Storytime Library Competition

Students were invited to celebrate this year's focus book 'Give me Some Space!' by being creative through writing, designing and cake making about space. The Library Staff were overwhelmed with the quality of the entries and this made choosing any winners super hard. We thank all students for their wonderful entries. Please feel welcome to call into the Library to see the display of the entries.

The Winners included:

Jaxx Johnston, Sebastian Morello, Louis Fritsche, Dane O'Brien, Olive Paltridge, Shubhan Vijayakumar, Ruby Lamb, Madi Ras, Bryn Rickard, Hayley McIntosh, and Kathleen Seebomh.

The Runners Up included:

Vespa Scott, Scarlet Ryan, Sienna Hughes, Chloe Chiesa, Oliver Stapleton, Harry Freckleton, Caitlin Mugavin, Kiahna Little, Felicity Lamond, Ruby Evans, Jasper, Amelia Holmes, Layla Hall, Madeline Moss, Banks Stephen, Paddy Bouchier, Nathan Murdock, Jack Freckleton, Sullivan, and Jade.

**Chris Lloyd** | Teacher Librarian



## Scholastic Book Club Issue 4 Orders

All Scholastic Book Club Issue 4 orders are due by Wednesday 16 June through the LOOP online ordering platform or by returning the Scholastic catalogue order form to your child's classroom teacher with the correct money. LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's book club order if you wish to pay by credit card and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Just follow the prompts to create a new account if it is your first-time ordering (only one account per family is required).

If you have any questions please contact Vanessa Courtney by email at [courv@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:courv@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

Happy reading!!

**Vanessa Courtney** | Junior School Teacher



*Pictured L-R: Esaie Kulimushi, Zane Lewis, Mitch Chapman, Mason Rogers, Reid Hamilton, Albert, Hamish, and Scott McBain.*



## SAPSASA Football

A huge congratulations to the Year 7 students who represented the College at the recent SAPSASA Football in Adelaide. The team consisted of Henry Pedler, Joey Ottoson-Crossling, Jett Lewis, Riley Lawrence and Oliver Wardle. Together these boys won the Division 1 competition during the SAPSASA week, winning 8 out of 9 games.

Congratulations must also be awarded to Year 6 students Esaie Kulimushi, Zane Lewis, Mitch Chapman, Mason Rogers, Reid Hamilton, Scott McBain, Albert and Hamish who also represented the College at the recent SAPSASA Football in Adelaide. The boys won six games and lost three, finishing third overall. Well done also to Hamish, winning the Year 6 team award 'hard as nails'.

Well done to all involved for their fantastic efforts and great sportsmanship.

**Tina Opperman** | R-6 Sports Coordinator

*Pictured L-R: Ella Jolley, Mikayla Pearson, Ruby Mitchell, Elodie Adam, and Maggie Collins.*



## SAPSASA Netball

Well done to the Year 7 students who represented the College at the recent SAPSASA Netball in Adelaide. The team consisted of Ella Jolley, Mikayla Pearson, Ruby Mitchell, Maggie Collins, Macca Burke and Elodie Adam. With tough competition between all top three teams, the girls finished a close third.

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who represented the College at the recent SAPSASA Netball in Adelaide. The team consisted of Georgia Nulty, Bailee Lewis and Kiersten Cole. The girls played 9 hard fought matches, winning 5, drawing 1 and losing 3.

Well done to all involved for their fantastic efforts and great sportsmanship.

**Tina Opperman** | R-6 Sports Coordinator



## 9-a-side Football

Year 8 and 9 students recently participated in the 9-a-side Footy competition at the Blue Lake Sports park ovals.

Fielding 3 teams with 32 boys, the College performed extremely well in the total of 11 matches, winning 10. All boys adjusted well to the smaller oval and modified conditions, showing great skill, fitness, strategy and sportsmanship to claim the title and retain the 'John Seebom' Shield for 2021!

John Seebom, who originated from Mount Burr, played 319 senior games for Glenelg between 1978 and 1992. The shield is awarded to the best performing school on the day with football in the 9-a-side format.

A big shout out to Year 10 boys, Sam Sims, Conor Fielding, Fletcher Lawson and Harry Opperman who umpired throughout the day and ensured the competition operated smoothly. Thank you to staff Mr Edwards and Mr Collins who supported and encouraged the teams which lead to a highly successful day!

**Ian Ross** | 7-12 Health and Physical Education Coordinator



## Open Mixed Hockey

Last Friday 4 May, a mix of the College's best male and female hockey players represented Tenison Woods College in the Open Mixed Hockey competition. The team matched up against St Martin's Lutheran College in a very competitive and entertaining day, scoring the first goal of the game. St Martin's proved to be too strong, scoring five goals to win the game 5-1. Congratulations goes to all hockey players who represented the College with great talent, sportsmanship and competitiveness, and a special thank you to Miss Mutch who coached the team. Well done all!

**Emily Dawe** | Sports Administration Trainee



## Interschool Cross Country

In ideal conditions at the picturesque Greenrise Reserve located on the outskirts of Penola, the 2021 Interschool Cross Country event was held. The looped course challenged the competitors with good efforts in the two age groups represented. Of the 7 competing South East schools and Colleges participating, Tenison Woods College finished 2nd in the U/15 male and female age groups and 3rd in the U/14 male group. A strong team from Bordertown High school finished overall 2021 champions. Well done to all competitors for participating and enjoying the contest of Cross country conditions. A special shout out to Alexei Georgiou who ran a great race in his U/14 age group (3 km) and then decided to run the Open age group (5 km) "for fun", totalling 8 kilometres. His time in the second race was a "Personal Best" by 2 minutes. Well done Alexei!

**Ian Ross** | 7-12 Health and Physical Education Coordinator



## Lucy Denton – Netball South Australia Under 17 Vice-Captain

2021 Sport Leader, Lucy Denton, has been selected as vice-captain for the Netball South Australia Under 17 State Team!

Lucy has been chosen as vice-captain in her first year representing South Australia. She has been recognised for her dedication to the sport, as she travels four and a half hours to Adelaide (one-way!) for State Team training every Sunday. She will lead the team at the National Netball Championships in Hobart in early July. Well done, Lucy!

*Photo courtesy of Netball South Australia.*



## Ninja Warrior Dioramas

All three Year 4 classes have been studying Forces in our Science lessons this term. We learnt about friction, gravity, contact and non-contact forces. As part of the unit students designed and constructed Ninja Warrior Inspired courses to visualise the various forces. Students were very creative and came up with some amazing obstacles.

**Julie Hoggood** | Year 4 Teacher



## Year 7 and 8 Student Interviews

Over the past two weeks, Head of Middle School Nick Patzel, Deputy Principal Michelle Coote and Enrolment Registrar Tracey Davey have had the pleasure of meeting with students and families that will be joining the Tenison Woods College Community in 2022 from Millicent, Penola and Naracoorte. We are excited about the wonderful talents these students will bring to Tenison Woods College in both Year 7 and Year 8 in 2022. It was fantastic to be out and about in the community and meeting these excited students.

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



## Upcoming Events:

**Wednesday 9 June**

**Thursday 10 June**

- Student Free Day
- SAPSASA State Cross Country Championships

**Friday 11 June**

- Student Free Day

**Saturday 12 June**

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

**Sunday 13 June**

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

**Monday 14 June**

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

**Tuesday 15 June**

**Wednesday 16 June**



## Lighting it up in Metal Technologies

Year 10 Metal Technology students have recently finished their LED sign as part of their major product. During this assessment task students were asked to create a CAD design and a cardboard template of their proposed LED sign to assist them in bending and shaping metal rod using the oxy/acetylene welder and a jig they fabricated specifically for this assessment. Once the metal rod had been shaped to the desired design, students applied a thermo-plastic coating to their metal, to form a protective layer. The last step of this project involved installing a LED strip, acrylic inlay and backing in order to bring the LED sign to life! All students involved did a wonderful job with this task which required a lot of hands-on work using a wide selection of tools and machines in the workshops at the College. I was very pleased to see everybody's skills and understanding improve over the semester – well done to all involved!

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



## Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Needing new uniform items? Visit the Uniform Shop during the trading hours below:

Tuesday 8:00am - 12:00pm  
Thursday 1:00pm - 5:00pm

*The uniform shop will be closed for the Student Free Day on Thursday 10 June, reopening as usual on Tuesday 15 June.*

To view the Uniform Policy click here <https://bit.ly/3iQLPJZ>  
To place an order for uniform items, visit the link here <https://bit.ly/3iBouxF>  
Please note due to COVID-19, there may be stock level issues for some items. Thank you for your patience.

# Lions Mad Minute

Yesterday, Tuesday 8 June, Year 5 students competed in the annual Lions Mad Minute Tournament at Tenison Woods College. The Lions Mad Minute is a structured impromptu public speaking competition for students in Year 5 classes in state and public schools, and its development has been led by the Lions Club of Mount Gambier. The main purpose of the competition is to expose students to the benefits of Public Speaking. Prizes were awarded to students in all three classes for the following categories:

1. Most Expressive
2. Best Close
3. Best Opening
4. Most Humorous
5. Best Gestures

In addition a 1st, 2nd and 3rd were awarded to the students. The winners included:

5XP  
 1st Sian Courtney  
 2nd Ryan Fraser  
 3rd Molly Opperman

5TODJ  
 1st Xavier Georgiou  
 2nd Piper Hood  
 3rd Che Hussey

5CRDJ  
 1st Oliver Stapleton  
 2nd Jaxx Johnston  
 3rd Marcus Dunn

**Tina Opperman** | Year 5 Teacher





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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:

CHEMISTRY

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