

Weekly Newsletter



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Charity Day

Last Thursday 12 August the College held its annual Charity Day, raising money for Timor-Leste.

The College had an action-packed day, which kicked off with a virtual Liturgy viewed by all students and staff.

Year 12 students held lots of great activities such as table-tennis, basketball, bottle-flipping and a small petting zoo, to name a few. At lunchtime, there were several student-run Timor-Leste inspired stalls selling a variety of different items, with all money raised going to Timor-Leste.

Last year the College held the Charity Day 'Hot Seat Quiz'; but this year the main attraction was the 'Minute to Win It' challenges! Staff and student leaders participated in a number of timed challenges as all competed for valuable Founder points.

And two lucky students experienced a buggy ride around the College with Principal David Mezinec! These students won this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity at our recent Charity Ball.

It was an incredible day and one that everyone looks forward to on the calendar!



Making the ordinary extraordinary at Tenison Woods College



From the Principal

Founders Week and Charity Day – Thanks for the Fun and Fundraising

What a great week! Thank you to all the students, staff and families who contributed to the success of the Founders Week, Whole School Liturgy and Charity Day in support of our sisters and brothers in Timor-Leste.

Thank you to our Year 12, 9 and 6 Founder leaders for leading a number of lunchtime activities for students that accumulated house points towards the Founders Cup.

The College community appreciated the video style prayer located in SEQTA on each of the Founder celebration days led by our Years 6, 9 and 12 Founder Leaders, providing a little more insight into each of our Founders.

On Thursday, under the leadership of the school captains, Sarah McKinnon and Austin Rossi, we celebrated Charity Day, with a focus on following in the footsteps of our Founders and our long-standing connection to Timor-Leste. We began the day with a Whole School Online Liturgy, followed by activities run by Year 12 students in buddy classes in the Barrie Holmes Stadium.

Timor-Leste inspired market stalls sold items for a gold coin at lunchtime. Proceeds of the casual day also contributed to our fund raising for Timor-Leste.

So, all in all a great week of community, team spirit and faith in action expressed across the whole Tenison Woods College community – and that is a force to be reckoned with!

Help Us Improve - Community LLL Perception Surveys

I am asking your assistance to help us improve as a school community. A Living, Learning, Leading (LLL) Perception Survey about our College Community has been developed. The survey will take approximately twenty minutes to complete, and is anonymous.

By the conclusion of this week all Catholic Schools in South Australia will complete the Catholic Education SA (CESA) LLL Perception Surveys. The surveys are a product of a collaboration between CESA and Curtin University and are focussed on the development, validation and use of a system-wide survey to examine the understanding of the vision and extent to which Catholic Education SA's Living Learning Leading Framework is taking place in schools as perceived by students, family and staff.

Further details about the completion of the surveys are located below. Each survey has been trialled, refined and piloted in a range of CESA school settings and the development team is confident that schools will derive very useful information for planning and improvement.

To respond the LLL Parent and Caregiver Survey at Tenison Woods College in 2021, please visit www.NSIPartnerships.com.au and enter the code **TWCLLLP** in the Start Questionnaire field.

I am hoping you can offer some time to ensure we continue to refine our processes and improve the learning, wellbeing and faith environment for your child or adolescent.

Stage 2 – Designs and Planning Well Advanced

Junior School Staff met with Edge Architects to finalise the design of the new two storey Junior Primary (Years 1-6) building as well as new outdoor nature play learning spaces. Transportables will be relocated in November 2021 once Year 12 classes conclude at the College, and construction will commence in December 2021. Construction of the contemporary building and nature play spaces will continue through 2022, ready for occupation by the twenty four Year 1-6 classes in January 2023. It's starting to get exciting!

COVID-19 – HHDL The Way Forward

I thank the whole College community for their continued deliberate, careful and patient approach to the South Australian COVID-19 restrictions over the past week.

We will continue to deliberately and carefully continue with our HHDL Strategy in Term 3, asserting good Health, good Hygiene and hand washing, good Distancing and care for others, and good Learning regardless of student location.

As always, the health and wellbeing of students, families and staff remain our priority. If your family are needing to self-isolate please contact your child's teacher and they will ensure that your child's learning will progress through our

Connect@Tenison strategy

It is clear to me that as has been shown by recent national events, complacency continues to be our enemy at this time, so I ask that you maintain the high HHDL standards which have been achieved since 2020 and continued into 2021.

A friendly reminder that masks are still mandatory for Year 7-12 students. Therefore, whilst the College does have masks available for students who have not brought their own to school, students are reminded of the importance of bringing their own. Students who repeatedly forget to bring their mask will have a courtesy email sent home to their parent/caregiver.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Reception Enrolments 2022

I advise parents and caregivers that interviews are well underway for all 2022 Term 1 Reception Enrolments. If you have a child who is due to start school in 2022 and have not lodged an enrolment form, please contact Tracey Davey on 8725 5455 who will help you organise this.

School Crossing Reminders

I remind parents about the 25kmph speed limit through the School Crossing when the lights are flashing or at any time when children are present.

Crossing monitors are on duty from 8:20am – 8:40am in the morning and from 3:10pm – 3:30pm in the afternoon to cross children safely. If a parent or child pedestrian is stopped there, waiting to cross, even before the crossing monitors have arrived please stop and allow them to cross.



As per legislation, you are also asked not to obstruct the crossing, whilst waiting in a line-up of traffic.

We are looking at measures with the City of Mount Gambier to minimise the congestion in and around our carparks, but I ask for your cooperation, presence and patience during these challenging winter weeks.

“Little Lambs” Faith Formation Group

Little Lambs program is now taking registrations for weekly Thursday morning sessions. The registration fee is \$10 per child per year and entry per session is by gold coin donation. Please grab a brochure and a registration form from the Bulletin stands in St Paul's Church or email mgp.littlelambs1@gmail.com.

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. I KNOW MY OWN AND MY OWN KNOW ME
JOHN 10:14

Little Lambs

FAITH FORMATION GROUP FOR 3 TO 5 YEAR OLD

Every Thursday morning during school terms
9.30am - 11.30am
gold coin donation

First Session Thursday 22 July

Register now!

St Joseph Room
St Paul's Catholic Church

For more information about Little Lambs program, please contact:
Little Lambs Coordinator
mgp.littlelambs1@gmail.com

MOUNT GAMBIER CATHOLIC PARISH

God Bless,
David Mezinec | Principal



CIM Team News

Founders Week and Charity Day

It was wonderful to see students and staff across the College involved in celebrating their House Founders last week. Our student leaders did a wonderful job in engaging with students in their houses throughout the week and proudly led the College each day in prayer through sharing a small portion of their Founders story.

On Charity Day, students from across the College set up stalls where people were able to purchase goods with all donations going directly to Timor-Leste. Unable to visit Timor-Leste again this year due to the pandemic, the money raised will greatly impact the communities we have close connections with – the Dominican Orphanage in Dili, the Bakhita Centre and the Hatolia community. With approximately \$2,300 raised from the stalls and casual day, this is a wonderful effort from our community.

Faith Facts

The Family Faith Formation team have started producing #FaithFacts, a way to open dialogue within families about the Catholic faith. Do you know the colours of these liturgical seasons? What do these colours symbolise?



The answers will be in next week's newsletter!

National Day of Prayer – the Church Together

On Sunday 22 August, Australia's Churches are invited to pray for our local, national and global communities experiencing great need and distress caused by COVID-19.

This is an initiative of a broad range of Christian communities and includes the involvement of the National Council of Churches Australia. The theme is Lord have mercy; and it calls on us to be especially united in prayer, both individually and, where we are able, in our liturgies.

There will also be an online gathering, with church leaders offering prayers and reflections at various times during the day.

We know very well the suffering that the current situation has brought to our community: both for those who have been infected by the virus and for their families, as well as those whose psychological and economic well-being has been disrupted. We also look beyond our shores to the devastation in other countries, who lack the resources we have.

Spend some time in prayer together this Sunday. [The Blessing Australia](#), created in 2020 during lockdown with a number of Christian churches from across Australia, is a source of inspiration as we continue to pray for an end to the pandemic.

Sacramental Preparation Program

A reminder that families involved in the program must attend Family Session F, tomorrow Thursday 19 August, at either 4:30pm-5:45pm or 6:45pm-8:00pm at St Paul's Hall.

All families have been emailed information about the Confirmation and First Eucharist Mass on either Saturday 11 September at 6.00pm or Sunday 12 September at 11.30am. Please ensure you let Cisca know which Mass you will be in attendance at and the number of people attending due to current restrictions if you have not already done so.

Family Mass

The next Family Mass will be held on Sunday 29 August at 11:00am at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. The readings at this Mass are led by the young people from the College and the Parish. Please contact Cisca Teodoro or myself if you would like to be involved in this. All families in our College community are invited to attend.

Term 3 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 3 Masses:

Week 5	Thursday 19 August – Year 11
Week 6	Thursday 26 August – Year 9
Week 7	Thursday 2 September – Year 6
Week 8	Thursday 9 September – Year 8
Week 9	Thursday 16 September – Year 10
Week 10	Thursday 23 September – Year 7

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



Book Week Costume Donations

The Year 7/8 M.A.D. Make a Difference classes would love donations of costumes that children have grown out of or no longer want. The M.A.D. students will organise, mend, etc and then distribute to children who would otherwise not have a costume. Book Week is next week. The theme is Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds so that gives lots of options for dressing up. Costumes can be dropped into me at the Library or the Front Office.

Chris Lloyd | Teacher Librarian



Junior School Assembly COVID-19 Restrictions

Unfortunately, due to current COVID restrictions, parents and carers are unable to attend this event on Friday. Students will be attending assembly with their class teachers as normal. We thank you for your understanding and we look forward to restrictions on schools easing soon so that we can resume assemblies with parents in attendance.

Francesca Dickson | Head of Junior School

Leader's Latest



Hi everyone,

A lot has been happening within the project recology area this past week. During Charity Day we set up a lunch stall and sold out of the Year 9 Precious Plastic items making over \$80 with all proceeds going to the Timor Fundraiser. We give a special thanks to the Year 9 creators and to Colby and Alexei for their involvement and willingness to help out on the successful day. There are some new machines that will be introduced to the Recology Shed, which will aid students in making small items efficiently by gently pushing melted recycled plastic into or around a mould. Our goal will be to make items for use around our College. Some examples of this are rulers, storage hooks and sporting medals.

We would also like to say a huge thanks to Miss Lynch's 'Mural Project' class for their beautiful and artistic take on our school's sustainability past and future. We invite you to come and visit the shed to see the artistic talents the students have given to this project.

Keep a look out in the northern area of the school as there will be wetlands coming to the College. With the year racing by we'd like to start connecting with interested Year 10 and 11 students about the roles of Sustainability Leader. Please chat to either George or myself about our experience in this role and feel free to ask us any questions you may have about the role. We have been able to grow our own leadership skills in a fun and low stress environment.

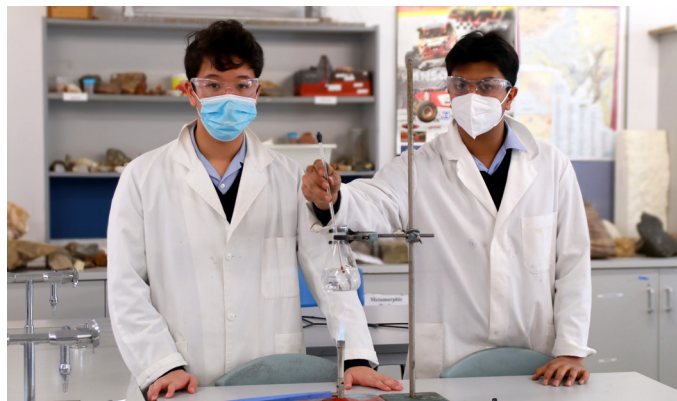
Daniela Ortiz Kaiser and George Wimshurst | Sustainability Leaders



Designing a Dream Garden on Rainy Days in SAKG Lessons

Students in Years 4 and 6 enjoyed indoor garden lessons last term, designing dream garden spaces using sustainable energy systems to plan against resource categories. Some of these works of art are on display in the library foyer! The amazing results included Tudor castles, Asian vegetable garden beds, gnome colonies and chickens on bicycles generating energy for movement of reticulated water throughout the garden.

Jen McCourt | SAKG Coordinator R-7



Students attend an Exciting Science Experience

Year 10 students Hayden Luo and Kuncheria Chavara recently attended the University of South Australia's Science Experience, a national three-day program providing an immersive STEM inquiry-based learning program for students.

Over the three-day program, Hayden and Kuncheria designed and soldered circuit boards, experienced virtual reality, designed water filters, coded robots and designed an energy-efficient house!

An amazing experience that both students thoroughly enjoyed.



Check out the Tenison Woods College Facebook Page



Open Basketball Pool B

On Monday 9 August, Tenison Woods College participated in the Open Basketball Pool B regional carnival. As Tenison have already advanced to the state finals in Pool A, the Open Boys and Open Girls teams were invitational, so could not advance further. It was decided that our teams would consist of Year 9 and 10 students to further their development in basketball and have a chance to play together.

The girls played in the Barrie Holmes Stadium while the boys travelled down the road to the Icehouse. Both the girls and boys won all of their games convincingly, showing great talent and enthusiasm throughout the day!

Well done to our players who represented the College with pride and dignity and competed with great sportsmanship and ability. A special thank you goes out to the staff who organised the day, and to the umpires who gave up their time to help the day run smoothly! Thanks to all!

Emily Dawe | Sports Administration Trainee



Boys Division B Basketball



Girls Division B Basketball



Founders Week Fun

Over the course of Week 4, the Year 6, 9 and 12 Founder Leaders held activities during lunchtime in celebration of their founder.

Monday 9 August was MacKillop Celebration Day. Students loved getting involved in games of soccer played on the oval and craft activities in the library. Many students also showed their founder pride by wearing a splash of blue.

Tuesday 10 August was Woods Celebration Day. The Barrie Holmes Stadium was full of excitement and energy with games of basketball, volleyball and soccer being played. Students celebrated their Founder pride with the Woods leaders.

Wednesday 11 August was McAuley Celebration Day. Students and staff displayed their Founder pride with an action-packed lunchtime in the gym, with soccer, basketball and other games being played. Celebrating being a part of McAuley.

Friday 13 August was Champagnat Celebration Day. Champagnat student leaders organised multiple games and activities for students in the gym, which saw dodgeball, tag and basketball played between eager students, as they showed their Champagnat pride.

A great week of celebrating the College Founders!

Photos from each day can be viewed on the following pages.



Junior School Assembly Science Experiment

During last Term and parts of this Term, Year 6 students have been learning how to conduct safe experiments in Science sessions. We have spent time in the Science labs, learnt about safety in the labs, met Mr Gritton (The LabRat) and enjoyed our learning in an area which is new to us.

One of the topics we covered was chemical reactions and an experiment we have enjoyed doing and watching is the 'Elephant's Toothpaste' practical. The experiment shows us the reactions which take place between different substances. The substances used were food colouring, Hydrogen Peroxide (H₂O₂) and detergent. When these substances are mixed in a controlled and safe environment, Elephant's Toothpaste will be created.

The Elephant's Toothpaste experiment was displayed at the recent Junior School Assembly, a fun experiment that students loved watching!

Michael Gannon | Year 6 Teacher



Isabella Lamb Cuts her Hair for a Cause

Last Tuesday 10 August, Year 11 student Isabella Lamb cut approximately 30cm of her off hair in support of the Sustainable Salons organisation.

Isabella said:

"I had been growing my hair for about 3 years and really wanted to get it quite long, about the length it was. It started getting a little bit annoying to keep under control and was getting knotty quite easily. I told mum and dad that I wanted to cut it and they went along with my decision of cutting it short. The reason why I decided to donate it was because I didn't see any reason in just cutting half of it off when I could cut it to 30cm and be able to donate it for a wig. I was able to cut 6 ponytails at roughly 30cm each and donate them to the Sustainable Salons organisation."

Well done Isabella!

To find out more about the Sustainable Salons organisation please click [here](#).



Counsellor's Corner

The research into the links between kids' digital technology use and their mental health presents a complex picture that defies simplistic conclusions. Blanket statements and headlines that suggest screens and social media are to blame for kid's poor mental health aren't helpful as technology is now a part of all our lives. However, there is enough evidence to suggest that the key pillars of mental health, sleep, relationships and exercise, can be severely impacted by the overuse of digital technology. All things in moderation, a common guideline for healthy living, is best when considering kids' social media and digital technology use. We invite you to read this insightful excerpt by parent expert Michael Grose:

Whilst there may not yet be conclusive evidence linking digital media use to poor mental health outcomes there's no denying that it's one of the chief concerns facing parents and educators of children and adolescents, growing up in a digital world. The contradictory research findings confirm that this is a complex topic.

To continue reading the excerpt by Michael Grose click [here](#).

Have you heard?

Tenison Woods College are offering Free Tuition for 2022 Term 3 Intake Reception Students!



Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) has introduced a number of initiatives to assist with the financial implications of the COVID-19 pandemic. One of these initiatives is offering free tuition for Reception students joining a 2022 mid-year intake for Term 3 and 4 at a Diocesan school. Tenison Woods College invites families who are eligible for a Term 3 Reception start to contact the Enrolment Registrar, Tracey Davey davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au for an Enrolment pack.



TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT THE ENROLMENT REGISTRAR: email davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au

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District Basketball Day

On Wednesday 11 August, Tenison Woods College took four teams, a handful of Year 10 basketball coaches and twelve Year 9 umpires to the annual SAPSASA District Basketball Day. The day consisted of Year 6 and Year 7 students from around Mount Gambier playing off at the Icehouse to gain a spot at the Regional Basketball Day coming up in Week 5. Tom Daly, official overall coach, was so pleased with the student's efforts and attitudes during the day. All students represented our College with pride and great sportsperson-ship.

We thank the Year 10 coaches who took time out of their day to share their knowledge with the teams. In addition, we were fortunate enough to supply twelve Year 9 umpires from the basketball academy who also did a great job, showcasing the talent that our College has.

All four teams have made it to the Regional Day to be played on Friday 20 August (this Friday) at the Icehouse against winning sides in the region. We wish them all the very best.

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator

Year 6 Boys and Girls Teams:

- Tayah
- Charlotte Dixon
- Leila Newton
- Georgia Nulty
- Gracie Carroll
- Kiersten Cole
- Addison Graney
- Brydee Starick
- Esaie Kulimushi
- Scott McBain
- Reid Hamilton
- Albert
- Lachie McCann
- Blake Ross
- Banjo Morgan



Year 7 Boys and Girls Teams:

- Ruby Mitchell
- Mckayla Maney
- Elodie Adam
- Macca Burke
- Raine Darimaani
- Tahni
- Maggie Collins
- Lily Brook
- William Humphries
- Ryan
- Joey Ottoson-Crossling
- Henry Pedler
- Bailey Noble
- Charlie Williams
- Cooper Clayfield
- Riley Lawrence





Year 8 Future Thinking Flower Dissection

Year 8 students have been learning about the reproductive systems that organisms have, such as flowers. Here they were exploring pollen within the weed, *Sourso* also known as the Bermuda Buttercup. Students have been dissecting and using microscopes to help understand the role pollen plays in plant reproduction.

Gemma Hamilton | Year 7-8 Future Thinking Teacher



Year 3 Students Begin SAKG Journey

Year 3 students have begun the SAKG program this Semester and recently enjoyed working on their safety skills in the garden, as well as in the kitchen!

Be sure to visit our SAKG website for recipes, blogs and photos at mccouj.wixsite.com/sakgathome and also follow our College SAKG Instagram @sakg.twc.

Jen McCourt | SAKG Coordinator



Uniform Shop

If you are needing new uniform items, visit the Uniform Shop during the trading hours below:

Tuesdays 8:00AM - 12:00PM
Thursdays 1:00PM - 5:00PM



To view the Uniform Policy click here <https://bit.ly/3iQLPZJ>
To place an order for uniform items, visit the link here <https://bit.ly/3lBouxF>

Please note:
Due to COVID-19, there may be stock level issues for some items.
Thank you for your patience.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 19 August

- 2022 Year 7-9 Webchoice
- Year 10 Subject Counselling Presentation, Lecture Theatre, 8:55am - 9:35am
- 2022 Year 7&8 Subject Finalisation (Mount Gambier New Students), 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- Sacrament Family Session F, St Paul's Hall, 4:30pm - 6:00pm or 6:45pm - 8:00pm

Friday 20 August

- Year 8/9 Boys Soccer (Round 1), Grant High School, 9:00am - 3:00pm
- SAPSASA Regional Basketball Day, Mount Gambier Icehouse, 9:00am - 3:20pm
- Mount Gambier Music Eisteddfods, Wehl Street Theatre, 9:30am - 12:00pm

Saturday 21 August

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

Sunday 22 August

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

Monday 23 August

- Book Week
- Whole School Virtual Assembly
- Middle and Senior School Art Exhibition, Admin Corridor
- 2022 Year 10, 11 and 12 Subject Counselling, PRC

Tuesday 24 August

- Book Week
- Whole School Virtual Assembly
- Middle and Senior School Art Exhibition, Admin Corridor
- 2022 Year 10, 11 and 12 Subject Counselling, PRC
- ICAS Science Competition, 9:00am - 11:00am

Wednesday 25 August

- Book Week
- Whole School Virtual Assembly
- Middle and Senior School Art Exhibition, Admin Corridor
- Sacrament of Reconciliation, St Paul's Hall
- ICAS Spelling Bee Competition, 2:00pm, Library
- College Board Meeting, Board Room, 7:00pm - 10:00pm



School Photos 2021

Please be advised that school photos will be held on Monday 6 September and Tuesday 7 September. Photo envelopes are being prepared and will be distributed shortly. Further information will be published in upcoming newsletters.

Jessica Herring | Manager Public Relations, Marketing and Events Department



Community
Noticeboard



MacKillop Celebration Day



Woods Celebration Day



McAuley Celebration Day



Champagnat Celebration Day



Charity Day



Charity Day



Charity Day



Charity Day





LET
YOUR
light
SHINE

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

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