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Last week was Book Week! A celebration of the amazing world of literature. The theme for 2021 was 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds' and the Library staff created an incredible display of dragons, castles and more in the library to reflect this.

Throughout the week the library was full of excitement with activities being held for students of all ages during lunchtime and classes visiting the library during lesson time to read new books and old favourites. All celebrating their love for the world of books.

Throughout the week the ELCC also celebrated Book Week with a variety of experiences, such as sea creature exploration, craft anemones, cooking, making bear puppets and puppy hand print craft.

A highlight for the ELCC was a special visit from Old Scholar and author, Rebecca Watson, who read her children's book 'Call Me Frank'. Other children's award winning books they enjoyed was 'Anemone is Not the Enemy', 'This Small Blue Dot', 'There's No Such Thing' and 'We Love You, Magoo' along with a very special visit from 'Mr Magoo' the mischievous puppy!

The final day of Book Week for 2021 was celebrated with the annual Book Week Parade on Friday! There were colourful costumes on display all around the College as students and staff showed their love for Book Week in style. The parade is an event that the whole College eagerly looks forward to every year; and is an amazing way to cap off an incredible Book Week.



Making the ordinary extraordinary at Tenison Woods College

From the Principal



Social Justice Sunday

Social Justice Sunday was celebrated last Sunday 29 August. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled *"Cry* of the Earth, Cry of the Poor." A copy of the statement can be downloaded <u>here</u>.

In the forward of the statement Archbishop Mark Coleridge President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference writes:

"Pope Francis reminds us that encounter, dialogue, and listening with an open heart enable God's transforming love to move more powerfully in the world. Yet when faced with complex interrelated crises – the pandemic, the ecological crisis, the economic crisis, hunger, threats to peace and security – we can find ourselves overwhelmed by information or bogged down in disagreements about details.

In the annual Social Justice Statements, we seek to discern the signs of the times and, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, to recognise how God is calling us to respond. As bishops our task is to bring the light of the Gospel to bear as we seek to respond to the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth. With Pope Francis, we avoid getting "mired in theoretical discussions" and instead seek to "hear the true stories" of people's experience, look at reality through the eyes of those most affected, and "listen with an open heart to the stories that they tell". Our task is to listen to people, to the earth, and to all of God's creation, since every created thing is interconnected, speaks of the wellbeing of each part and of the whole, and reveals something of the Creator.

This Statement draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic social justice teachings and from the wisdom of the world, including insights of the First Nations peoples. All these are placed in dialogue with human experience. This year we offer some theological foundations for a genuinely Christian response to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor: creation in and through the Trinity; the sacramentality of all created things; the wonder and beauty available to the contemplative eye; and the need for conversion and change of life. Our hope is that these will ground and inspire comprehensive and effective responses not only from the Catholic community but from all who want to care for our common home in this time of great need."

I recommend the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor" to our College community as an expression of the Catholic Church's commitment to listen to people, to the earth, and to all of God's creation. The statement accentuates the interconnectedness of every living thing. Just as we aspire with our commitment to Gilap Wanga - Ngula wangingi mraata ba wanginyi, as a place of listening to country, self and others, the Bishop's statement speaks of the wellbeing of each part and of the whole, and reveals something of the Creator.

Staff Reflection Day - Friday 3 September

This Friday 3 September (Week 7, Term 3) our staff will attend our annual Staff Reflection Day, which will have the theme "*Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor – our response through our Head, Heart and Hands.*" As the title indicates, staff will have an opportunity to engage with their head, heart, and hands through a range of activities across the day, culminating with a staff Mass at the St Paul's Catholic Church, celebrated by Father Dean. I remind families that this will be a student-free day.

The Sacraments Of Confirmation And First Eucharist

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be in the South East on the weekend of September 11/12 for the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. The celebrations will occur at the Saturday Vigil Mass at 6:00pm at St Paul's, at the 8:30am Mass at St Alphonsus' in Millicent and then at the 11.30am Mass at St Paul's on the Sunday. Please note the change of times for these Masses. In the meantime, please continue to pray for the children and their families.

Upcoming Parish Retreats

The Youth Retreat Day will occur on Saturday 9 October in St Paul's Small Hall in Mount Gambier. I invite all young people of middle secondary school age and beyond from Mount Gambier and Millicent to participate.

A Parish Retreat, again for both Mount Gambier and Millicent parishes will be held on Sunday 10 October in the Millicent Parish Hall after the 9:00am Sunday Mass beginning at 11:00am and finishing later in the afternoon.

Fr Kieran Gill SJ from the Athelstone Community and a teacher at St Ignatius College in Adelaide will lead both these retreats. Further details of both retreats will follow.

Our 2021 Shining Lights - A great deal to celebrate - But virtually!

The Friends of Tenison Woods College (Old Scholars Association) is very pleased to announce the four 2021 'Shining Light' award recipients.

The awards aim to recognise significant contributions made by former students, families or staff to our local and global community in order to inspire current and future students about the essence of our community and their call to service.

Tenison Woods College and its predecessors, St Paul's School, Tenison College, Marist Brothers Agricultural College, Mater Christi College, St Mary's School and St Joseph's College value the contributions of all community members, past and present and we think it's important to recognise some of the stand out achievements within the community.

In 2021 we look forward to acknowledging the following Shining Light recipients:

- Sister Anne Foale
- Sunita Gloster (nee D'Souza)
- Barrie Holmes (dec)
- The Hon Rob Lucas MLC

While we are not able to gather this year in person, we look forward to viewing the video stories of these Shining Lights, and enjoy a night of celebration and legacy. Watch this space for more details.

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.

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.

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. 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.

Safety in the Carpark – Less Mobile Phones and More Attention

I have been made aware by SAPOL of a safety concern in our carpark area. It has been noted that a significant number of parents and caregivers are texting and scrolling through their mobile phones while they are waiting in the line-up in the driveway that comes off Shepherdson Road.

The inattention and risk to safety this causes is a concern, particularly in an area that is used by children who are inattentive by nature. More specifically, using a mobile phone whilst driving - even while stationary offers the following risks:

- Not being alert to your surroundings When using a mobile phone you tend to spend less time checking your mirrors and what's going on around you. This effects your ability to miss vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists.
- Slower reactions you generally react slower when using a mobile phone, particularly when deep in concentration. You take longer to respond to traffic signals (such as the vehicle ahead of you having moved forward in line), or completely miss them.
- Slower and less controlled braking Using a mobile phone your brake reaction time is slower, and you brake with more force and less control which can result in shorter stopping distances between yourself and the car in front. When distracted by a mobile phone in a situation such as waiting in line, rear end collisions between yourself and the car in front



become much more likely.

 When text messaging, research shows that the driver will spend around four times longer not looking at the road and their surroundings, resulting in poor judgment and concentration, and increased risk to other road users.

I also clarify that it is an offence to use mobile phones while stationary in the line. The offence currently carries a fine of \$646 inclusive of levies, and 3 demerit points.

I thank you in anticipation of your care and attention to this issue.

"Little Lambs" Faith Formation Group

The 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.

God Bless, David Mezinec | Principal



CIM Team News

Staff Reflection Day At the Staff Reflection Day this Friday, staff will deepen their knowledge and understanding about this year's Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor through

the lens of our Catholic faith tradition, the Catholic Identity and Mission of the College followed by participation in prayer and reflection activities. Staff will also be involved in a range of Faith in Action activities within the community responding to the Gospel message and Church mission of serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, working to shape a more just and compassionate society through reaching out to others. Staff will conclude the day with a Mass at St Paul's and we thank Fr Dean for his continued ministry in our community.

Sacrament Retreat Day

This Saturday, the children preparing to celebrate the Sacraments will gather together for their Family Retreat Day. The children will celebrate the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation during Masses next weekend.

Father's Day Breakfast

Please note, that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on social gatherings, the Father's Day Breakfast has been cancelled.

RCIA

There is an information session for members of the College community who may be interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a communal process for formal initiation into the Catholic Church. Please see the attached poster or contact Fr Dean on 8725 6566 for further details. To view the RCIA poster please click <u>here</u>.



INQUIRY NIGHT INTO The catholic church



Faith Facts

Answers to last week's question: How many sacraments are there in the Catholic Church.

b) There are 7 sacraments in the Catholic Church. These are:

- Baptism
- Confirmation
- Eucharist
- Reconciliation
- Anointing of the Sick
- MarriageHoly Orders

Do you know the answer to this week's question? The answer will be in next week's newsletter!



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.

Roster for Term 3 Masses:

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



2021 School Photos - Next Week

Please be advised that school photos will be held on **Monday 6 September** and **Tuesday 7 September**. Photo envelopes have been distributed. Please return any photo forms to your **Class or Homegroup Teacher**. All students will be required to have their photograph taken, regardless of ordering. All students will be required to wear full winter uniform.

Classes / Year Level Photo Schedule Monday 6 September <u>click here</u>. Classes / Year Level Photo Schedule Tuesday 7 September <u>click here</u>.

If you wish to have **Family Photos**, please collect your form (one per family) from the Front Office, and return to the Front Office, and families will be emailed their scheduled family photo time by the PR & Events Department Staff.

Jessica Herring | Manager Public Relations, Marketing and Events Department



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will occur on Thursday 2 September and Tuesday 7 September, Week 7 and 8, from 4:00pm to 6:30pm for Junior School and from 4:00pm to 8:00pm for Middle/Senior School.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the interviews will be conducted by phone.

Please note: The school will be closed to parents at this time, please do not attend the site.

Please refer to all previous correspondence regarding Parent Teacher Interviews or contact the Front Office if you require any further assistance.







The Junior school has had a busy couple of weeks. Week 5 was Science Week and last week was Book Week.

During Science Week, Junior School classes participated in many Science experiments which were put together by Mrs Courtney. These fun science experiments included erupting volcanoes, writing with invisible ink, creating rubber eggs, making sherbert, cola and mentos explosions, creating plastic out of milk and many more interesting investigations. What made these experiments great was that the ingredients in all of the experiments can be found at home. A fun-filled week that all students loved participating in!

Book Week is one of the most loved weeks in the Junior School calendar. We have been reading award winning picture books and creating art and craft activities based on the picture books we have studied. Some great titles include "I loved your birthday", "Walking your human" and "Bin Chicken". And finishing the week with the most anticipated event of the year...the Book Week Parade. It was so great to see all of the colourful costumes on display!

We hope everyone has enjoyed Term 3 so far as much as we have and hope to see everyone getting involved in the remaining events for the term!





Year 12 Sport Science Nutrition in Sport

In Stage 2 Sport Science, Year 12 students have been looking at the importance of pre and post exercise meals and the effect they have on athlete performance and recovery in sport.

As part of their Nutrition in Sport investigation students needed to design a meal that incorporated a variety of ingredients. They were required to think about the cooking methods they used and the purpose of each ingredient with regards to how they relate to performance and recovery. Students were able to create a wide variety of meals that looked and tasted amazing. Perfect for a Friday afternoon lunch in class

Justine Forrest | Years 7-12 Science and Mathematics teacher



Year 11 Child Studies **Birthday Cakes**

The Year 11 Child Studies class recently designed, baked and decorated cakes that would suit a children's birthday party with a theme of their choice. The end results were fantastic!

Georgia Asimakopoulos | Secondary School Teacher



Seeking Canteen Volunteers

The Canteen are seeking volunteers for the following days / times:

Friday 10 September - 10:00am to 2:00pm Friday 17 September - 10:00am to 2:00pm Friday 24 September - 10:00am to 2:00pm

If you can assist, please contact Leanne on 8724 4607 (direct) or 8725 5455 if calling after 2:00pm.

Leanne Sandow | Canteen Manager

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Regional Basketball Tournament

Following their success at the Regional Basketball Tournament at the Icehouse on Friday of Week 5, Year 6 and Year 7 teams were full of excitement and confidence as they faced their regional opponents again for round 2 of the tournament. It was a huge day for all players, playing five games in total against teams from Millicent, Penola, Naracoorte and Bordertown. The standard of the competition was very high and the Tenison Woods College players played with great sportsmanship.

I would like to extend a huge vote of thanks to the students who volunteered to umpire or coach a team on the day. We wouldn't have a tournament without both umpires and coaches, and I thought that they operated in a very professional manner. A big thanks to Tom Daly and Emily Dawe for coaching our students and who will now travel with the Year 7 boys and girls teams to Adelaide on Wednesday 16 September.

Pictured above L-R: Banjo Morgan, Mitchell Chapman and Esaie Kulimushi.



Tina Opperman | Year 5 Teacher / R-6 Sports Coordinator



Oscar Adams - SA U19 Footy

Well done to Year 12 student, Oscar Adams, who recently travelled to Perth with the Torrens University South Australia Under 19 squad to play against Western Australia!

WA claimed victory, scoring a total 67 points to SA's 38 points. Oscar demonstrated his skills, playing a highly productive game, landing him in the best!

Photos courtesy of the Glenelg Football Club Facebook page.



Beekeeper Visit

Year 2 students recently attended an engaging and interactive session learning about the wonderful world of bees! Local beekeeper Matthew from Unspun Honey taught students about the lifecycle of the bee, the roles of bees in the hive as well as how bees make honey.

Children were fascinated to see a real bee colony, live in action in the observation hive. Matthew also brought along his beekeeping tools and equipment, as students had the opportunity to see, touch and smell honeycomb and bees wax.

Students were inspired to be more aware of bees in our environment and more knowledgeable about how we can protect these amazing insects!





Kathryn Domaschenz | Year 2 Teacher



Social Justice Sunday

Last Sunday 29 August was Social Justice Sunday. The celebration of Social Justice Sunday has a long tradition in the Catholic Church in Australia. For almost every year since 1940, our Bishops have joined together to issue a major social justice issue at this time.

The Bishops also make statements on matters of social and ecological justice at other times throughout the year too. These are often issued by individual Bishops delegated as spokespersons for particular issues, or by commissions of Bishops. By contrast, the social justice statement issued in time for Social Justice Sunday is approved by and issued in the name of the whole bishops' conference. It is hoped that these statements will inspire reflection and action throughout the whole year.

The Social Justice Statement 2021-22 is titled "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor." You can download the Statement and accompanying prayer card as well as previous statements on the Australian Catholic Bishop's website.

Please follow the link below to view the Bishops Social Justice Statement https://bit.ly/3sR4gFg.



ELCC GA Ambulance Visit

This Term the Early Learning and Community Centre have been focusing on people in the community who help us and the importance of the emergency number '000'. In Week 6 the children were excited to have a visit by SA Ambulance Officers, David and Reanna. The children looked at the equipment, had a ride on the bed and chair, walked through the Ambulance and even got to turn the lights and sirens on!

Angela Cutting | Teacher, Assistant Director of Early Learning



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Year 11 Retreat

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions on travelling to Victoria, the Year 11 Retreat to Halls Gap could not take place this year. In place of the Grampians Retreat, the Year 11's and their teachers spent two days on Boandik Country exploring their personal connection to land and the stories of our Founders St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods.

One day was spent in Penola where the group visited significant sites connected to the story of Fr Julian Tenison Woods, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the origins of the Sisters of St Joseph. A prayer and reflection was held on the site near Fr Woods' tree where he regularly stopped for prayer and meditation.

The group also visited the Schoolhouse where they enjoyed some of the experiences of being in a class taught by St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the Interpretive Centre where the astounding works and talents of Fr Julian are on display. On the second day the group participated in a range of prayer and faith formation experiences in and around Mount Gambier and spent time connecting with God through creation at the Valley Lakes Conservation Park.

We thank Sr Loreto, Marg Muller and Marie Valenzuela at the Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre for their warm welcome, hospitality and for sharing their extensive knowledge about St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods.

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator















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Students can find their school and log for free in at studiosity.com/access.

2022 John Benjamin Scholarship

Applications are being called for the John Benjamin Scholarship, on offer to students currently in Year 10 moving into Year 11 at Tenison Woods College in 2022.

John Benjamin was a staff member at Tenison College from 1984 – 1998. He started with the College as a Mathematics teacher in 1984 and took on the position of Deputy Principal in 1994. He held this position until his untimely death in 1998.

Since its inception in 2001, the Tenison Woods College Board has offered this Scholarship to a Year 11 student at the College in memory of John Benjamin. The Scholarship covers half the tuition fees for the student's next two senior years at the College (Years 11 and 12).

The Scholarship is intended for a student who upholds the Catholic ethos of the College and models the virtues of kindness, generosity of spirit with their relationships and has a positive attitude towards their learning and their school community.

Applicants are required to submit a written response to four short answer questions. From these questions, applicants will be short-listed and the finalists will then be required to attend an interview with the selection panel.

If students are interested in applying, they will need to complete an application form (available from the Pam Ronan Centre), signed by both a parent/carer and the student and return to Tanya Thomson in the PRC office by Thursday 2 September.

The criteria that needs to be addressed in the written response will be emailed out to applicants on Monday 6 September. The written task is to be received at the College by 10:00am on Friday 17 September.

Members of the College Board would very much like to see all Year 11 (2022) students apply. Please give this some serious thought as you can only benefit from this opportunity.

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



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Upcoming Events:

Thursday 2 September

- Year 6 SAPSASA Soccer Carnival, Adelaide
- R-12 Parent Teacher Interviews (via phone), 4:00pm 8:00pm

Friday 3 September

- Student Free Day
- ELCC Closed
- Year 6 SAPSASA Soccer Carnival, Adelaide

Saturday 4 September

- Parish Mass, 5:00pm, St Paul's Church
- Sacraments Family Retreat Day, St Paul's

Sunday 5 September

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

Monday 6 September

- School Photos, PRC Lecture Theatre (please refer to emails for photo days and times)
- ANZ Year 3, 4 & 5 Hot Shots Tennis, 9:00am 3:15pm, Olympic Park

Tuesday 7 September

- School Photos, PRC Lecture Theatre (please refer to emails for photo days and times)
- R-12 Parent Teacher Interviews (via phone), 4:00pm 8:00pm

Wednesday 8 September

Division B Netball, 9:00am - 3:20pm, Olympic Park



Sophie Lewis Wins Runner Up Best and Fairest

Year 8 student Sophie Lewis recently won the 15 and under Runner-Up Best and Fairest for the Mid South East Netball Association league medal count. The count was conducted on Sunday 29 August and was held in Millicent.

Sophie has been a passionate player for 7 years now, starting her game when she was just eight years old, and is a committed member of the Port MacDonnell Netball Club. Her favourite position is centre, and whilst she doesn't see a future career in the sport due to her lack of height, she plans to continue her love for the game through to her senior years. Sophie's favourite aspects of netball are, of course, playing and the friends and relationships she makes every year.

The College, along with her family and friends, is extremely proud of Sophie's fantastic achievement.

Well done Sophie!



Book Week





























Book Week



































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RESEARCH PROJECT PLP CHEMISTRY MATHS

TUESDAY:

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PSYCHOLOGY
BIOLOGY
MATHS
ENGLISH

THURSDAY:

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