

Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 22 October



SHINING LIGHT Awards

2021

Congratulations to our 2021 Shining Lights who were acknowledged during our virtual celebration, Saturday evening:

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

The awards recognised the significant contributions made by these former students to our local and global community, and their stories were inspirational. I trust our current and future students will discern from these life journeys the essence of our community that has helped to form them and nurture their call to service.

While we were not able to gather this year in person, the video stories were powerful depictions of our Shining Lights. As such I thank Dave Kenseley for his efforts as master of ceremonies; his sixth time in weaving an event of story, celebration and legacy. I also thank Emma Herring, Jess Herring, Jess Snell and Mitchell Manser, our Public Relations and Events Team, for their wonderful planning and production efforts in creating a virtual event of the highest quality.

If you missed the event you can enjoy the full length presentation [here](#).

Individual videos of our Shining Lights:

[Sister Anne Foale](#)

[Sunita Gloster](#)

[Barrie Holmes](#)

[The Hon Rob Lucas MLC](#)

We would also love to hear from you. How did you enjoy the Shining Lights Virtual Celebration? Email news@tenison.catholic.edu.au to let us know how you experienced the event, and tell us who you think should be a 2022 Shining Light.

David Mezinec | Principal



Sister Anne Foale



Sunita Gloster (nee D'Souza)



Barrie Holmes (dec)



The Hon Rob Lucas MLC



Making the ordinary extraordinary at Tenison Woods College



From the Principal

Portable relocation and building starts in Term 4 ...

Term 4 will be full of learning, events and rites of passage. And just to make the term interesting, Year 1, 2 and 5 transportables (10 in total) will be relocated in November 2021 once Year 12 classes conclude at the College.

Friday 12 November (Week 5) will be FSD – Furniture Shifting Day, when effected classes will relocate. During Week 6 verandah removal and preparation for the portable relocation will occur. From Monday 22 November (Week 7) six portables will be relocated and four will be removed from the school site.

The construction site will be created in Week 8 and construction will commence on the new Year 1-6 building from December 2021. Construction of the contemporary building and nature play spaces will continue through 2022, ready for occupation by the twenty-four 1-6 classes in January 2023. It's starting to get very exciting!

Working Bee

Can you offer half an hour on Saturday 23 October. During the Working Bee we are particularly looking to finalise the swale wetlands planting at the front of the school, barking, sand and planting replacement for the ELCC, Reception and Middle School areas.

We'd love as much help as you can offer – any time you could spare would be appreciated.

Please bring any gardening equipment you think could be of use: gloves, shovel, rakes, wheelbarrow, even your ute. The working bee will commence at 8:00am. Morning tea and refreshments will be supplied with a BBQ available from 10:00am. For those able to assist on the day we ask that you please complete this online form <https://forms.office.com/r/YtLFGAM4U7>

Celebrating our Year 12 Students

On Thursday morning we will formally acknowledge the rite of passage for our Year 12 students and wish them well for the next critical stage of their learning journey.

The program for the morning is as follows:

- 8.00am Breakfast for 2021 Year 12 students shared with staff.
- 9.35am Senior School Assembly – To be held in the Barrie Holmes Stadium with the Senior School cohort and Reception buddies.
- 10.15am Cake Presentation in the Barrie Holmes Stadium (Year 12 students, families/carers and staff).
- 10.45am Whole School Guard of Honour.
- 11.00am Year 12 Farewell Mass (Year 12 students & staff only).
- 12.00pm Dismissal.

The COVID-19 context has necessitated a modified approach to the assembly for our 2021 Year 12 students, but we anticipate that the morning will be a highlight for the class, enabling the whole school an opportunity to wish the Year 12 class all the best at this significant stage of their learning, and inspire them to put in that extra effort during this period, so that they will be appropriately rewarded with individual and communal success.

COVID-19 – HHDL and Face Masks

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

Could families ensure that Year 7-12 students arrive at school with a mask. These masks are to be worn on public transport, school bus runs, and at school. Staff will ensure Middle and Senior School students are wearing a mask in enclosed spaces such as classrooms, tutorial rooms, offices and corridors.

We will continue to deliberately and carefully continue 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.

As always, the health and wellbeing of students, families and staff remain our priority. If your family needs 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.

BYOD – YEAR 6 Families, ready for Year 7 in 2022

As the year flies by and we look towards 2022, I remind families that if they are thinking about purchasing a device for next year, to check out our Bring Your Own Device page on our website. The link is attached [here](#).

You can also find this page in SEQTA Engage by choosing the Portals option and selecting BYOD Parent / Guardian Information.

With the current COVID-19 situation and associated wait times for products we encourage families to think about their child's needs a little earlier than they might to ensure that the device is ready for the start of 2022.

Key dates for the commencement of 2022:

A full list of 2022 key dates will follow soon, but to assist with planning I inform our College community of dates to commence the 2022 academic year:

Wednesday 26 January 2022	Australia Day Public Holiday
Thursday 27 January 2022	All Teaching Staff commence
Friday 28 January 2022	Book collection day and Staff planning day
Monday 31 January 2022	Reception, Years 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 commence Term 1.
Tuesday 1 February 2022	All other students commence Term 1.

Staff Professional Learning Communities of Practice Conference, CoP21

This Thursday evening and Friday we will be attending as a staff the Communities of Practice Conference, CoP21, a celebration of communal and collaborative endeavour conducted in 2021 by teachers and co-educators in the learning environments of our region. It is a commitment to continue reflecting on the work of teaching staff as Catholic educators, aspiring to enable each and every learner to shine. We are also delighted to have staff of Mary MacKillop Memorial School and St Anthony's Catholic Primary School a part of this significant Heads, Heart and Hands of Learning Conference.

This year in our region we have accentuated teacher collaboration and mutual accountability with an aspiration of determining clarity in what makes thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires. At this time of the Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) Living, Learning, Leading Framework, and celebrating the agency of our young, CoP21 is a commitment to continue reflecting on our craft as Catholic educators, who aspire to enable each and every learner in our region to shine, with all the deep reflection, critique, collaboration, humility, professional frailty and wonderful communal success that such whole staff endeavour brings.

St Paul's Parish Bell Tower Wine Order Fundraiser

To raise funds for the repairs to the St Paul's Church Bell Tower, the Parish are having a wine sale. An order form for the wine order is attached [here](#). You will be able to pay via cash, EFTPOS or direct deposit into the parish account. You are asked to place orders prior to 12 November.

For more details, please ring the Parish Office during office hours on 87256566.

Fee Remissions

Amongst all the worries that we have at this time – worrying about the payment of school fees should not be one of those things. Please be assured of our support for your family. If your family will lose significant income due to the new COVID-19 restrictions and there may be a need to freeze your payments, please contact Neal Turley, our Business Manager, who will assist you during this time. This can occur very easily for those families in need.

Carpark Care

I remind families to drive at no more than 15kmh while on the College grounds. I also ask that parents accompany young students to and from the council property adjacent to the College's Shepherdson Road, across the poplars lined driveway. I ask this in an attempt to prevent any potential accidents which could occur to inexperienced and enthusiastic children, who make their own way from the school grounds to cars parked on the council property.

God Bless,

David Mezinac | Principal

CIM Team News



Vinnies Badge Day

Last Friday, 15 October, students and staff from Tenison Woods College volunteered to collect money for the annual Vinnies Badge Day. With their big smiles and positive greetings, they spent the day in front of She's Apples and Coles with collection tins and a Tap 'n' Pay machine, collecting donations for people in need in our community.

Each day the St Vincent de Paul Society has thousands of people approach them for help and assistance. The efforts of the College community through supporting events such as the Badge Day and through opening the Vinnies Shop on Crouch Street on Saturday mornings, really does make a difference.

We received a heartfelt thank you from the local Vinnies Chapter for our involvement in the Badge Day. With the Tap 'n' Pay total still to be confirmed, a total of \$1715.85 was raised locally through the efforts of our students and the staff who supported them. Well done especially to those students who so cheerfully volunteered their time. This money will be used to support people in need in the Limestone Coast.

Family Mass

The first Family Mass for Term 4 will be held at 11:00am on Sunday 24 October. 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.

Faith Fact

Answer to last week's question: Have you ever wondered why Mary is an important figure for Catholic people?

Mary is the mother of Jesus. She loved and cared for him throughout his life. People pray to Mary for God's help. As a family, pray the Hail Mary, a special prayer of the Tradition.

Do you know the answer to this week's question?



Find out the answer in next week's newsletter.

Term 4 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 4 Masses:

- Week 2 Thursday 21 October – Year 12 Final Mass (11:00am start)
- Week 3 Thursday 28 October – Year 11
- Week 4 Thursday 4 November – Year 7
- Week 5 Thursday 11 November – Year 4/5
- Week 6 Thursday 18 November – Year 8
- Week 7 Thursday 25 November – Year 10
- Week 8 Thursday 2 December – Year 6

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



How Do I Notify the College that my Child is Not Attending School?

If your child is unwell, or has an appointment etc, please notify the College by texting the Attendance SMS line on 0429 134 568 or alternatively call the Absentee line on 0887 244 659.

Please ensure that you leave your child's full name and homegroup class as well as the reason that your child is away.

If your child is going to be absent from school for any period longer than 5 days, an exemption form must be completed. The exemption forms are available from the Front office.

Tracey Davey | Enrolment Registrar/Office Manager



Scholastic Book Club Issue 7 Orders

All Scholastic Book Club Issue 7 orders are due by Friday 29 October through the LOOP online ordering platform or 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 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 Stacey McCourt by email at mccos@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

Happy reading!!

Vanessa Courtney | Junior School Teacher



Check out the Tenison Woods College Social Media Pages

Leader's Latest



Throughout the year as Year 12's, we have organised and participated in many successful school events such as St Patrick's Day, Harmony Day, Charity Ball, R U OK Day, Founders Week and of course our Timor-Leste focused Charity Day which involved us all coming together to accomplish a common goal of uniting our community.

An initiative which Sarah and I introduced this year was our weekly recaps presented through this platform, the 'Leader's Latest'. Sarah and I along with the other senior leaders also highlighted our involvement within the community on SHINE FM, which was broadcast on Friday afternoons in Gilap Wangra as a joyful end to every week.

We also continued the work of last year's College Captains, Jess and Ethan, as we maintained a strong focus on gaining and accumulating points towards the Founders Cup.

We would like to thank and acknowledge the extraordinary staff who have guided us throughout our schooling journeys from Reception until now, and who continue to go way beyond their call of duty in their dedication to us as students. We all feel extremely blessed to have been mentored by the teachers within the College community who have taught us some important life lessons which we will hold close forever.

Thank you to our wonderful families who have supported us throughout our schooling lives. For the sacrifices that you have made in order to help us succeed and for all of the love you have given us throughout our lives, we truly appreciate it.

A special thank you to our senior leadership group, who have assisted Sarah and I in planning numerous events throughout the year and dedicated their time to attend meetings. Your contribution and efforts in making the ordinary extraordinary was evident throughout the year and was much appreciated.

As we now look forward to our graduation and further again to our futures, Sarah and I are both extremely grateful and proud to have been side by side with this wonderful cohort. We would like to thank you all for making our schooling years at Tenison Woods College better than we ever could have imagined.

Sarah McKinnon and Austin Rossi | College Captains



Family Business Directory is Live!

Tenison Woods College invites families to be a part of our new Family Business Directory, which is free of charge for current families of the College. This may assist when making decisions to support local businesses, especially those within our College Community! The Page is live: <https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/community/family-business-directory>

To be included, please send the following information to the PR and Events team at news@tenison.catholic.edu.au:

- Family Surname (not for publishing):
- Business Name: Sample Family Business
- Business Phone Number: 1800 SAMPLE
- Business Email Address: sample@familybusiness.com.au
- Business Website: www.sample.com.au
- Your business logo or photo (small file size is fine)

We look forward to seeing many College families businesses get involved!

Jessica Herring | Manager Public Relations, Marketing and Events Department



Emily Berkefeld, Addison Kamphuis and Annelise King

Year 4 Book Tasting

Our Year 4 class has been talking about and writing Book Reviews on our favourite books, with a focus on convincing others to try our recommendations.

This week, we celebrated our learning and fed our appetite for reading, with a Book Tasting. Children spent time discovering new books to add to their independent reading stacks, by sampling texts and sharing their reviews.

Hayley Morgan | Year 4 Teacher



Thomas Pedler



Caitlin Mugaivin



Do You Have Any Unwanted Lego or Duplo?

Poplars are seeking donations of Duplo and Lego for the poplars students to get creative, and add to their collection!

Any donations are gratefully accepted, and can be dropped off at the Front Office.

Trudi Dempsey | Poplars Administration



Jacob Bidese Claims Soccer Success

Year 9 student Jacob Bidese received the Junior club award for the International Soccer Club on Saturday night 16 October for his volunteer work over the past 2 years. Jacob coached the Under 13 girls last year guiding them to win the grand final 2020. This year he has coached Under 12 boys with Remmi Pace and lead the team to claim runner up in the grand final. Over the past 2 years Jacob has helped his Nonno and his Dad during school holidays and weekends to build a second pitch for the club. The College along with Jacob's family and friends are incredibly proud of him and all of his hard work.

Nick Patzel | Head of Middle School



Seed Library – SAKG

The Seed Library has been going strong for 5 years now. Every Autumn we save seeds from the garden. In Winter when it's wet outside we sort, then design and create packages of seeds in SAKG garden classes ready for check out at the front desk of the Library.

Photos and comments can be sent to us at mccouj@tenison.catholic.edu.au; we'd love to see how your seeds have grown at home.

A great way to celebrate 20 years of SAKG!

Jen Mc Court | SAKG Reception - Year 7 Coordinator



8/9 Knockout Cricket Against Grant High School

On Tuesday 19 October our 8/9 Cricketers participated in Round 1 of the 35-over knockout competition against Grant High School.

Grant won the toss and elected to bat. After an early wicket to Jared Kuhl they continued to fall in a consistent manner and Grant were all out for 68 in the 31st over. Pick of the bowlers were Jacob Salmon and Jed Sims.

Angus Clarke and Robbie Case set out to chase the runs down in a quick fashion before Angus fell for 15. Jayden Prior 27 and Robbie 16 (not out) steered us to victory in the 17th over.

We will now play the winner of Lucindale and Penola in Round 2. Well done, boys!

Brad Maney | HPE Teacher & Year 9 Wellbeing Coordinator

THANKSGIVING MASS
SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER
11.00AM
ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

*50th Anniversary of
 Ordination to the
 Priesthood*

Fr. Peter Fountain

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<https://www.trybooking.com/BUMKU>

Fr Peter's 50th Anniversary of Ordination

A friendly reminder to book your ticket for lunch in the Hall to celebrate Fr Peter's 50th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination on Saturday 23 October, following thanksgiving Mass at 11:00am at St Paul's.

See details on the Mount Gambier Catholic Parish Facebook page to book.

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator





Esaie Kulimushi, Zane Lewis, Flynn Gray and Ben Imani

SAKG 20th Anniversary

This week marks the 20th anniversary of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program! We have been running the SAKG program at our College since 2012.

Students at our College have enjoyed environmentally focused activities including recycling, weed identification and management of outdoor areas, as well as the opportunity to cook with fresh, seasonal produce they have grown themselves!

We look forward to many more years of students enjoying this great program.



Angus McKinnon State BMX Success

Congratulations to Year 9 student, Angus McKinnon, as he recently participated in the BMX State Championships and finished 2nd overall in the 14 boys age group!

A tremendous achievement, well done, Angus!

Tickets Ready for Sale!

Tickets are on sale now for our Stage 1 Creative Arts-Musical performance Back to the 80's. Supported by a chorus of Year 8 and 9 students and our very own live band, this is a performance you don't want to miss.

A pop culture trip down memory lane, Back to the 80's tells the story of Corey Palmer and his senior year of high school: his best friends, the class bully, and the girl he loves. Packed with many great hits such as Love Shack and Video Killed the Radio Star, this is event the whole family will enjoy.

The performance is Wednesday 3 November at 7pm at Sir Robert Helpmann theatre.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for concession/children under 17. Please note that all audience members will be required to wear a mask for the duration of the performance. You can get your tickets now by heading to the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre website or calling the box office on 8723 8700.

To get fully in the spirit of the party, we're inviting audience members to go 'back to the 80's' themselves, and dress up for the occasion! So, get ready to have a totally radical time- this musical is going to rock, dudes!

Eliza Suggate | Middle/Secondary Teacher



Mikayla Pearson, Asifiwe Emmanuel Grace and Eh Parami Dee

Vinnies Badge Day

Last Friday 15 October staff and students supported Vinnies 'Badge Day' by collecting donations outside of She's Apples Market Mount Gambier and Coles. The 'Tap & Pay' system was a great addition by Vinnies, allowing people who may not be carrying cash or coin to donate.

Thank you to those who donated, the money raised will support Vinnies in the great work they do! A big thank you to everyone that volunteered to help out.

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



Arshia Gulati, Jenny Bigirimana and Harper Grubb

Tia Latus and D'Arci Bell



Sports Journalism Partnership

Last week, the recently established Sports Journalism class was visited by the President of The Mount Gambier Pioneers Tom Kosch and the Communications Manager of the franchise Kate Sutton.

With one eye on the 2022 NBL1 season the conversation centred around a partnership that would enable the class to create content to support The Pioneers as community content makers.

The partnership is a unique one in an education setting and one that is expected to provide a wide variety of outstanding opportunities for our Media Studies students.

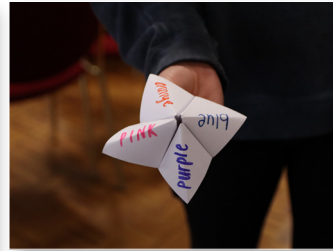
For further information regarding the Sports Journalism class please contact our Director of Learning, Scott Dickson.

Scott Dickson | Director of Learning

Year 10 Reflection Day

Last Thursday, 14 October, our Year 10 students participated in their annual Reflection Day at Casadio Park. Students explored the theme of We're All In This Together and were provided opportunities to connect with their peers, teachers and God. Students considered what acceptance means to them as they move towards their senior schooling, broke down barriers with peers outside their friendship groups through 2 minute conversations and participated in a beautiful liturgy in St Paul's Church to give thanks for each other and God. We especially thank Deacon Olek who led us in our liturgy and for his continued ministry in the Parish and College community.

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator





Class Placements for 2022

Planning for 2022 classes is about to begin in both the Junior and Middle Schools. Staff give deep and careful consideration to the class placement of students, ensuring the best and most informed educational and wellbeing decisions are made.

At the beginning of Term 4, Junior and Middle School students will receive a note from their homegroup teacher regarding this process; please ensure that you discuss this with your child, sign and return the relevant section.

If you feel there are exceptional and valid circumstances for your child that need to be considered, please address these in writing to Francesca Dickson, Head of Junior School (Reception - Year 6) at francesca.dickson@tenison.catholic.edu.au or Nick Patzel, Head of Middle School (Year 7-9) at patzn@tenison.catholic.edu.au by Friday 22 October 2021 (end of Week 2, Term 4).

Please note that requests for specific teachers are unable to be considered.

Francesca Dickson | Head of Junior School
Nick Patzel | Head of Middle School

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 21 October

- Year 12 End of Formal Lessons Celebration, 8:00am - 12:00pm, PRC and Barrie Holmes Stadium

Friday 22 October

- Student Free Day - Mount Gambier Show

Saturday 23 October

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

Sunday 24 October

- Parish Mass, 11:00am, St Paul's Church
- 9SHINE Camp Departs, 7:15am

Monday 25 October

- 9SHINE Camp
- Year 12 SWOT VAC/Tutorial Week

Tuesday 26 October

- 9SHINE Camp
- Year 12 SWOT VAC/Tutorial Week
- Changing Tunes Concert, 6:30pm - 9:30pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium

Wednesday 27 October

- 9SHINE Camp
- Year 12 SWOT VAC/Tutorial Week
- College Board Meeting, 7:00pm - 10:00pm, Board Room

Have you heard?

RECEPTION
free tuition

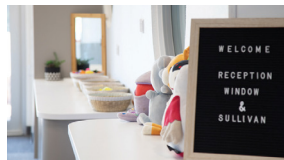
2022 TERM 3 INTAKE



Tenison Woods College is pleased to offer free tuition for 2022 Mid-Year Intake Reception Students

This offer is in line with Catholic Education South Australia's initiative to assist families with the financial implications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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



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