

# Weekly Newsletter



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## BACK TO THE 80'S ...THE TOTALLY AWESOME MUSICAL!



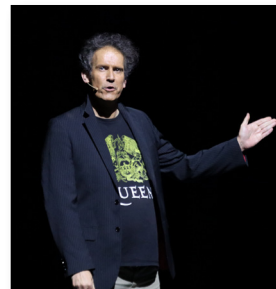
Last Wednesday evening the Stage 1 Creative Arts-Musical performance 'Back to the 80's' was held at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. Supported by a chorus of Year 8 and 9 students and the College's very own live band. It was a performance you didn't want to miss.

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 was an event the whole family could enjoy.

To get fully in the spirit of the party, audience members were invited to go 'back to the 80's' themselves, and dress up for the occasion!

Congratulations to all the students involved in the musical. The wonderful performance, supported by staff Eliza Suggate, Meghan Lynch, Penny Mansell, Nathan Creedy, Jacqueline Weedon and Katrina Mott showcased positively student acting and musical talent.

It is always a delight to hear of the confidence unearthed in the students, as they stepped into zones of stretch and challenge. Congratulations to everyone involved in helping our students SHINE in the most positive and life orienting ways.



ELECTION DAY!





## From the Principal

### Ready, set ... Portable relocation starts this Friday 12 November

This Friday 12 November (Week 5) will be FSD – Furniture Shifting Day, when effected classes will relocate. During Week 6, veranda 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 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!

### COVID-19 Immunisation Clinic & Community Days

Thank you for your support of the SA Health for a COVID-19 vaccination program at Tenison Woods College last week for students aged 12 and above.

During the three days, 137 students were vaccinated with either their 1st or 2nd dose, and 7 Staff members were vaccinated with either their 1st or 2nd dose. The Health Care Australia Officers who administered vaccination to our students and staff during Wednesday, Thursday and Friday last week were all very complimentary about our students for their manners and engaging approach with the health care officers. I was delighted to hear this from all of the officers.

The second visit will be conducted from Wednesday 24 November through to Saturday 27 November 9:00am to 4:00pm. As per this clinic, vaccinations will be for Students and Staff only on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (Staff 3:00pm to 4:00pm each day) and the Saturday will be promoted as a Community Day, which will be open to the broader public on a walk-in basis.

Students, staff and the public can have their first or second COVID-19 injection on these days.

### Carpark Care and Phone Usage

SAPOL officers have completed some traffic duties around the College campus. Parents have been 'cautioned' in the "kiss and drop" line for using their mobile phones, and as such I remind our community of the legal imperatives regarding telephone usage in cars:

"The driver of a vehicle must not use a mobile phone while the vehicle is moving, or is stationary but not parked, unless:

- (a) the phone is being used to make or receive an audio phone call and the body of the phone
  - (i) is secured in a mounting affixed to the vehicle while being so used; or
  - (ii) is not secured in a mounting affixed to the vehicle and is not being held by the driver, and the use of the phone does not require the driver, at any time while using it, to press anything on the body of the phone or to otherwise manipulate any part of the body of the phone."

The fines are quite hefty – currently at \$646.00 (inclusive of a victim of crime levy) and three (3) demerit points, so I urge our community to pay due diligence to this issue for the safety of all, not least our young.

### Celebrating and Giving Thanks

We move into a period of the year when we witness the fruits of our dedicated efforts as students, staff and parents. At the same time we give thanks for all that has comforted, gifted and challenged us. During the next three weeks we will enjoy many events, I will mention some of these below and others will be highlighted by Religious Education Coordinator, Chloe Shanahan later in this newsletter.

### Senior School Awards Celebration

The Senior School Awards Celebration on Friday 26 November in the Barrie Holmes Stadium is a significant milestone in the learning journey of our senior students and a time to reflect on how we have made the ordinary extraordinary. Please refer to EdSmart for further details.

### Year 12 Graduation

The Graduation on Friday 3 December from 6:30pm at the Barn Palais is not only an opportunity to celebrate the journey of the students in our community over the years, but also an opportunity to wish them well as they greet life and take their place in our community.

### 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.

### 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 8725 6566.

God Bless,  
David Meziniec | Principal



## CIM Team News

### St Vinnie's Ladies Conference

The St Vinnie's Ladies Conference of Mount Gambier is celebrating their 100 year anniversary in 2021 with a Thanksgiving Mass at St Paul's on November 20, 2:00pm at St Paul's Church. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be the main celebrant to mark this significant milestone of the wonderful commitment of these ladies to the marginalised in our local community. Please see attached poster [here](#) for more details.

### Whole School Mass

On Tuesday 16 November at 12:00pm midday we will gather in the Barrie Holmes Stadium for our whole College Thanksgiving Mass. All families, parishioners and friends of the College are invited to attend. Visitors must check in using the COVID QR codes and wear a mask.

At this celebration of Mass, an event which is the source and summit of our Christian lives, we celebrate and give thanks to God for the many gifts and blessings we have received throughout this school year. We remember our successes and our struggles, our joys and our sorrows in a year that we have "made the ordinary extraordinary." We come with grateful hearts and spirits to meet our gracious God in Word and Sacrament.

Celebrating as a large learning community, that is comprised of and nurtures smaller learning communities, we will ask for God's blessing especially on our Year 6's moving into Middle School, our Year 9's into Senior school and our Year 12's who move into a journey beyond school.

### Sharing your Christmas – the Krist Krindl Giving Tree

What can your family give to the 'Christ Child' this year? When we give to others in need, we are remembering the gifts of the Three Wise Men to the baby Jesus, whose birth was a great gift to us all. As Jesus loved, we show through selfless giving that we love others, including those we don't know.

The Krist Krindl Giving Tree will be set up in the Front Office at Tenison Woods College in the coming weeks. We actively encourage families to support AC. Care, Sunset Community Kitchen and Vinnies in their work to support local families in need. Unwrapped gifts, toiletry items and/or cash donations can be placed under the tree between now and the end of term. We thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity towards those in need within our community.

We will also be supporting the Community Christmas Lunch held on Christmas Day. Staff will be donating toiletries and wrapped chocolates and/or lollies to be placed into gift bags for those attending. Any families who would also like to contribute items for this event can do so by placing them under the Krist Krindl Giving Tree with the gifts.

### Christmas Hampers and Toys

St Vincent de Paul Society Mount Gambier are now taking registrations for Christmas Hampers and toys for families who are struggling financially due to loss of income or employment. The Society is there to lend a hand in helping families celebrate the birth of Christ like others do. Please ring Vinnies on 8724 9322 to make a confidential appointment to discuss your family's needs this Christmas.

### Sacramental Program 2022

Mount Gambier Catholic Parish invites parents to enrol their children to take part in the Parish Sacramental Program for 2022.

This is preparation for a full initiation into the Catholic Church by the celebration of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. There is also an opportunity for those seeking Baptism to be involved in the Sacramental Program and to celebrate Baptism in addition to the other sacraments.

If one of your children will be in Year 4 or above in 2022 and might be ready to join this preparation program, you need to attend the Enrolment Evening to be held in St Paul's Hall on Thursday 18 November 2021 from 7:00pm until 8:00pm. The important dates, the structure of the program and the expectation of your involvement will be explained in detail at the meeting.

You will need to bring the Enrolment Form, the registration fee of \$50.00 and a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate to the Enrolment Evening. Please contact Cisca Teodoro, Parish Sacramental Coordinator, on 8725 6566 or [mgsacraments@bigpond.com](mailto:mgsacraments@bigpond.com) for more information or for a copy of the enrolment form.

### Blessing of the Crib

On Friday 26 November, the Early Learning Centre and Junior School will celebrate the Blessing of the Crib in the Barrie Holmes Stadium during their assembly at 2:00pm. Fr Dean will say a prayer of blessing for all families as they enter into the Advent season. Students are encouraged to bring the crib from their Nativity Scene or if this is not possible just one piece from their nativity.

### 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 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



## Scholastic Book Club Issue 8 Orders

All Scholastic Book Club Issue 8 orders are due by Wednesday 24 November 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](http://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 myself via email at [mccos@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mccos@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

Happy reading!!

Stacy McCourt | Year 3 Teacher



## ABODA trophy presentation

We recently received our ABODA Music Trophies from the state-wide music festival run by The Australian Band and Orchestra Directors' Association SA (ABODA SA)

Amelia Taylor, Tenison Woods College Music Leader (pictured at top) presenting the 2021 ABODA Music Festival Gold Trophy to Big Band ensemble leader Ryan Creedy in the presence of their musical director, Mr Jackson Heaven.

Maixence Williams, Tenison Woods College Music Leader (pictured above, at bottom) presenting the 2021 ABODA Music Festival Bronze Trophy to Thunder Drum Corps ensemble leader Faith Bierwirth-Leigh.

A great achievement, well done to our talented ensembles!

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts



## SAPSASA Cricket Representatives

We had 4 representatives at SAPSASA cricket last week – Kahne Jeffrey, Riley Lawrence, Cooper Clayfield and Shoeb Khan. Having won their Division last year in cricket, the boys were entered into the Division 1 competition this year. They were up against some strong competition. All players played well, winning one out of the four games played. All four teams played were metro teams, we were the only country team in Division 1. Great effort, boys!

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator



Check out the Tenison Woods College Social Media Pages





## Students Shining Bright in Clever Carpentry

Year 8 Clever Carpentry students have been busily finishing their major assessment task the four-joint picture frame. For this task, students were required to practise and produce four of the most common woodworking joints used in construction. Using traditional woodworking hand tools and machines we have available in the Design and Technology classrooms, all students created the half-lap, butt, dowel, and bridle joint with high levels of accuracy. The last step in this project was to upload a meaningful photo, which was printed and inserted into the completed frames. *"It was great to see our Year 8's excel in this hands-on learning task with all students making large leaps in becoming competent with our processes and equipment".* Well done to all Year 8 Clever Carpentry students for a fantastic semester of learning!

*Pictured left to right: Charlie Damhuis, Poppy Venn, and Max Lawson*

**George Adamopoulos** | BET Teacher



## Year 8/9 Tennis Competition

The College took two strong teams to the 8/9 Tennis competition, held at Olympic Park on Tuesday 2 November, in warm conditions. The light breeze also picked up as the day went on, providing an extra challenge for the players to manage on court. However, both teams acquitted themselves well and were highly competitive.

In the opening fixture, the girls won by one game in a tight tussle against St. Martins. Jessica Stutley and Sarah Brown combined well in their doubles and also won both their singles. In stark contrast the boys, blew their opposition away, comfortably winning 5 sets to nil. Kobe Cole outlasted his opponent in an interesting battle, edging the tie break after 45 minutes.

The stage was set for the fixture that was most likely to confirm who progressed to the next round and so it proved. Similarly, Grant High School had depth across both teams and were able to match us at the top of the order and despite taking out the top doubles, only Sarah was able to convert her singles. Kobe and Will took out the bottom doubles and although Jonty Collins and Finn Kenseley battled hard, they came up just short in both their doubles and singles against some tough opposition. Only Toby Stutley registered a win, overcoming his opposition 5-3. Despite the close games, Grant came out on top in both matches 4 sets to 2.

The teams re-grouped and dispatched Mount High School in the final round emphatically as the boys gave up the only two games across both teams! Rafael Rigopoulos performed consistently in both doubles and singles and equally, Matilda Hunt and Maddison Harrold finished very strongly taking out their doubles and both singles to end on a really positive note.

Well done and good luck to all players who are continuing to feature over the rest of the MGDTA season!

**David Cole** | Year 11 Wellbeing Coordinator



## Oscar Adams AFL Draft Prospect

Congratulations to 2021 Year 12 student, Oscar Adams, as he has featured on Kevin Sheehan's "Top NAB AFL Draft Prospects: Tall Defenders" list!

Read Oscar's analysis at the link [here](#).

Well done, Oscar!

*Photo courtesy of AFL Photos.*



## Year 8 Surf's Up – Guest Speaker

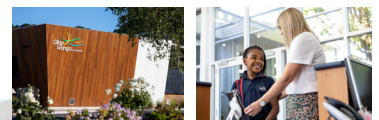
The Year 8 Health and Physical Education (HPE) elective 'Surfs up!' Curriculum is constructed to value, develop and maintain positive physical activity behaviours for life. This course is aimed at students who have an interest in developing skills in outdoor pursuits and recreation.

As part of this course, students participated in guided surfing lessons held at Robe followed up with a special guest speaker; Jo Harvy owner and founder of Ocean Culture Sandboards and Equipment.

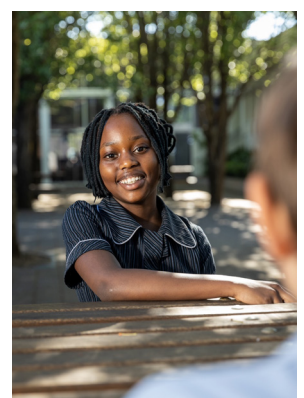
Jo spoke to the students about her lifelong passions of graphic art and surfing. Students were treated to the expert knowledge held by Jo about the various types of surfboards and their primary function in the water. They were able to see the surfboards, sandboards and designs by Jo before commencing their assessment task of designing their own surfboard.

**Simone Gill** | HPE Teacher

### *Behind the Scenes* 2-Day Whole College Photo Shoot



*Thanks to all Students and Staff involved*





## Year 11 Careers Panel

In readiness for their final year of senior schooling, Year 11 students were audience to a Panel discussion during this week's Pastoral Care lesson. The purpose of panel discussions is to expose students to careers and people from our region, to better understand what is possible and in demand. We were joined by Melissa Reilly (Occupational Therapist and Director from Total Therapy Solutions), Alex Lucas (Breeding Agronomist from BASF and old scholar), and Kyle Gleed (Field Officer from Group Training Employment). Each provided an overview of what they do, what a typical day and week is like, the type of person best suited to the trade or profession, and the current local demand. Kyle spoke also about the apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities locally, and what students need to do to prepare.

In addition, students were provided with an overview of what support they can expect in Year 12 in preparation for life beyond school – this includes presentations by representatives from universities, residential colleges, the Defence Force, local employers, and myself. Topics will cover how to identify career pathways, university applications, and job search.

**Jody Elliott** | Careers Coordinator

## Upcoming Events:

### Thursday 11 November

- Year 12 Exams
- Year 6 & 7 SAPSASA Tennis Carnival, Adelaide
- PE Week
- The Venerable Cathrine McAuley Feast Day
- Year 6 Remembrance Day Excursion, 9:45am - 12:00pm, Vansittart Park
- Remembrance Day Whole School Assembly, 12:40pm - 1:20pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium

### Friday 12 November

- Year 12 Exams
- Year 6 & 7 SAPSASA Tennis Carnival, Adelaide
- PE Week
- SE Zone Festival of Sport, 9:00am - 3:00pm, Penola
- Year 3-6 Assembly, 2:05pm - 2:35pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium
- Reception - Year 2 Assembly, 2:40pm - 3:10pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium

### Saturday 13 November

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

### Sunday 14 November

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

### Monday 15 November

- Year 6 Camp, Woodhouse Activity Centre, El-Shaddai Campsite
- Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp, Robe

### Tuesday 16 November

- Year 6 Camp, Woodhouse Activity Centre, El-Shaddai Campsite
- End of Year Mass, 12:00pm - 1:00pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium
- Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp, Robe

### Wednesday 17 November

- Year 6 Camp, Woodhouse Activity Centre, El-Shaddai Campsite
- Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp, Robe
- Year 3 Naracoorte Caves Excursion
- Year 8/9 Basketball State Final, Adelaide

# Animals Anonymous Incursion

Our Reception students were recently treated to a special visit from Adrian and Kiara from Animals Anonymous! This incursion allowed students to view a variety of endangered Australian animals, whilst also learning about their natural habitats and behaviours.

Some of the animals shown were a tawny frogmouth, an albino python, a goanna, a bettong, a baby crocodile, a gecko and a sugar glider! The information presented at the session was really interesting and the children loved the opportunity to pat, hold and learn more about these incredible animals.



# WOLVES TO THE RESCUE

...THE TOTALLY AWESOME MUSICAL!

