

Weekly Newsletter

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STUDENT FREE DAY
Tuesday 15 March



Reception - Year 6 Sports Day

On Friday 4 March, we held our R-6 Sports Day, with students and staff getting into the spirit of the day with their Founder colours and singing voices!

Although the weather was less than ideal it didn't dampen students' enthusiasm, as all participating Year levels got involved and gave their all to win their Founder Teams points, competing in running events, long jump, discus and Tug of War, to name a few.

Unfortunately, the rain set in earlier than forecast and did not look like letting up for the rest of the day, so our Sports Day came to an abrupt end mid-morning. Years 3-6 has been rescheduled for next Thursday. Normal lessons until 10:15am where Sports Day will resume until 3:15pm. We look forward to reconvening for the R-2 Sports Day later in the year.

We'd like to thank all the Staff who helped with the big job of setting up, the parents who attended and the students who participated positively all morning.





From the Principal

Deacon Olek's Ordination

The time of Deacon Olek's ordination to the Priesthood is nearing and the Mass will begin at 10.00am on Saturday, 12 March in the St Francis Xavier cathedral, Adelaide.

We commenced the novena of prayer for Deacon Olek and Deacon Anthony Beltrame last Friday, and while some families are attending the Ordination. For more information about this celebration, please refer to the CIM Team news later in this newsletter.

Father Peter Zwaans clarified very well in last Sunday's parish bulletin what you can expect to see during the ordination and its significance. I invite you to read more [here](#).

Lenten Season and Project Compassion – For All Future Generations

Last week we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with our pancake fundraising day, while our online whole school Ash Wednesday liturgy marked the start of Lent; the season in which we prepare for Easter.

Fundraising throughout the six weeks of Lent will contribute to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Campaign. This Lent Caritas Australia calls us to support Project Compassion under the theme of For All Future Generations.

Supporting Project Compassion is a way we can proclaim the faith that is in our hearts and help our brothers and sisters in need. During Lent, we are invited to take up the call to fast, pray and give alms - in solidarity as a global community. As such, our commitment to marginalised people is a direct response to the Christian call to 'act justly, love mercifully, and walk humbly with our God.'

Tough Barker – A New Tenison Pop Up Fitness Craze!

Forget Tough Mudder, Ninja Warrior and No Bull CrossFit Games we have Tough Barker. Our Grounds Team, Justin, Andy and Nick put participants through an epic barking, sand and Marist Park Shed challenge that worked the core, the abs, glutes, biceps and triceps. And at break time, participants enjoyed a Domenica Dunn sausage sizzle with a Kirby Shearing Soul Projects hot drink, and worked diligently on their orbicularis oris and zygomaticus major (muscles around the mouth).

A great morning! Special thanks to all the parents, students and staff who offered their time and talents to the working bee – a great deal was achieved for our students.

Athletics Carnivals – Excellence, Fun and Community Spirit

We had a great start to last week's R-6 Sports Carnival, and then we had to postpone the event due to the weather. We look forward to reconvening for the R-2 Sports Day later in the year. The Year 3-6 Sports Day will be conducted next Thursday 17 March from lesson 3 until the conclusion of the day.

As indicated previously, we look forward to the following events, which will be great sporting celebrations as well as community building events:

7 - 12 Athletics Carnival	Friday 18 March
SE Interschool Athletics Carnival (Mount Gambier High School)	Wednesday 23 March

As we navigate COVID-19 challenges I extend a very warm welcome to parents, carers and family members to attend these carnivals to witness the athletic endeavours and also meet other families who are part of the College community.

Board Annual General Meeting – 30 March, 7:30pm

I remind parents and caregivers of the Annual General Meeting of the Tenison Woods College Board, which will be held Wednesday 30 March at 7:30pm via live stream. Nominations are sought for people interested in serving on the Board this year. The associated correspondence is found [here](#).

COVID-19 and HHDL - Settings for Week 5-8

I would like to thank the school community for all the collaborative effort in mitigating against COVID-19. I am delighted with the staff teamwork, student cooperation and parent support.

So far this term we have had 112 cases of COVID-19 reported to us and requiring student and staff isolation. That has also necessitated several staff deliberately monitoring their health through the RAT 'testing to stay' approach. We have notified classes of cases and ceased notifications in relation to

individual cases in a class where there already exists a case. We have and will continue to notify classes where a significant sudden increase is reported in a class, so that parents have a good sense of the trends within the classes that students attend.

In the event of your child testing positive to Covid-19, or being deemed a close contact outside of an educational setting, please phone the Front Office and give details of the date the test was taken or the date the contact occurred. From this information, the dates your child will be away from school can be accurately calculated and recorded.

Please note that isolation is for 10 full days with the day of the test being calculated as Day 0. This effectively means that the student returns to school on, or after Day 11. With 7 or 14 day isolation for Close Contacts the day of return is Day 8 or Day 15 (as per advice from SA Health).

For further information or FAQ's please refer to the SA Health website [here](#).

We continue to accentuate HHDL (Health, Hygiene, Distance, Learning) as our approach to keeping the community safe, accentuating particularly

- The wearing of masks
- Natural ventilation
- Minimising movement and visitors within the school
- Maintaining Sub school delineation as much as is possible to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission across the College community

To this end we ask that parents try to minimise their entry to the College as much as their child's wellbeing (not the parent's) will allow.

Masks on Buses

We reiterate to families the expectation that Year 7-12 students wear protective masks on buses. Younger children are encouraged to wear masks to offer optimum protection in the confined bus space.

Nude Food and Minimising Bins Within the School

Buoyed by the Junior School's successful Nude Food initiative and the reduced waste within the school, we are continually looking to reduce the large dumpsters across the school. We will replace these large dumpsters with smaller bins and work toward a situation where we have a refined approach to external bins for:

- General waste
- Bottles and containers
- Mixed recyclables – such as paper, cardboard etc
- Green waste

There are a range of issues for us as a school to address, and then some issues for us to discuss with the City of Mount Gambier Council so that there is greater integrity in our recycling processes as a school and as a community. The Grounds Team and Cleaning Team are committed to assisting the College in realising this ambition if all of the community is on board and works together in a collaborative way.

This issue is one of the major life learnings of our time for our young, and I am committed to ensuring that we act with integrity as a school community and teach our children, through our actions, about the care for our planet. Anything you can do and advise as a family in relation to refining our processes will be gratefully received. I trust that with deliberate, creative and collaborative endeavour we can take this very ordinary issue of waste and achieve extraordinary outcomes for our school and global community.



Caring for One Another – Road Safety in PRC Carpark and Marist Park Area

I remind the community that the carpark adjacent to the Pam Ronan Centre is a senior student carpark and not a kiss and drop zone. The kiss and drop zones

are on the driveways running alongside the PRC off White Avenue and in front of the Front Office area off Shepherdson Road. Adherence to this approach will protect the safety of our young and avoid any unfortunate accidents.

I also remind families of the importance to monitor their actions in the Marist Park area, which can be quite hazardous given the terrain and the less organised parking approach given the nature of the property. Please keep an eye out for one another as we enter and leave Marist Park.

Need a tutor? Studiosity is our free online tutoring service

I remind families that students of Tenison Woods College in Years 7-12 have access to a free online tutoring service. Students are able to connect to expert tutors for live, one-to-one conversations about homework, assignments and exam preparation from 3:00pm – 10:00pm Monday to Friday. Give it a try – I know you will appreciate the service offered by Studiosity!

God Bless,
David Meziniec | Principal

CIM Team News



Whole School Mass

The Beginning of Year Whole School Mass will be held at Marist Park, Thursday 10 March at 9:00am. All parents and friends are welcome to attend. Please BYO chair and hat. Due to current COVID restrictions, masks must be worn.

Deacons Olek Stirrat and Anthony Beltrame's ordination

This weekend will be very special as it is the ordination of Deacons Olek and Anthony on Saturday 12 March at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide. Both young men have left a lasting impression on the young people in our South East community through their ministry in both our parish and College communities. We keep Olek and Anthony in our prayers as they begin their final days preparations towards the priesthood.

For those of you who are unable to make it, you can watch the livestream from 10am [here](#).

What can you expect to see at the ordination? The two deacons will enter the Cathedral, but they won't sit in the sanctuary with the other ministers, they will sit with the families in the pews. This is appropriate because the family is where their calling has been nurtured and their families in a particular way their parents are also joining in making an offering of their sons to the Church. Mass continues as normal until the Gospel has been read. If you are following on the live-stream, we encourage you to participate in the liturgy! Don't just 'watch' the ceremony like a TV show, pray along and ask God to bless these men in their service as priests!

There are a few other significant moments - see if you can see these moments in the live stream. I will provide some further information of these moments in next week's newsletter.

- Presentation of the Candidates
- Examination of the Candidates
- Promise of Obedience
- Prostration and Litany of the Saints
- Laying on of Hands
- Prayer of Ordination
- Investiture of Stole and Chasuble
- Anointing of the Hands
- Kiss of Peace

The Mount Gambier Catholic Parish celebration for Deacon Olek's ordination will take place on Sunday 20 March, after 11.00am Mass, which will be his first Sunday Mass, here in Mount Gambier. This event will be fully catered. Bookings for the lunch are essential. Please contact Pat at the Parish Office on 87256566 to book in, and please advise of any dietary requirements. Bookings close at 3:00pm on Tuesday 15 March. If anyone wishes to contribute financially to a gift for Deacon Olek's Ordination, please use the envelopes available on the bulletin stands and either place envelope in one of the collection bowls or drop it into the Parish Office during office hours.

Project Compassion – "A Future for All Generations"

During Lent, students will be involved in fundraising for 'Project Compassion', which is run by Caritas Australia. Each week during Lent there will be themes and stories of people who have had their lives changed by the money that has been raised through this Lenten fundraiser in previous years. Each fami-

ly will receive a Project Compassion box and we encourage everyone to make donations into the box during Lent and then return it to the College by the end of the term. For families who may not receive a Project Compassion box and would like one, please collect them from either the Front Office, the PRC Office or through your child's class teacher.

Mount Gambier Catholic Parish Notices

In answer to Pope Francis' urgent request for prayer, we will hold an all-night adoration at St Paul's, commencing at 3:00pm Thursday 17 March and concluding with Holy Hour at 5:00pm on Friday 18 March. If you would like to volunteer to spend an hour in quiet prayer in the church during this 24-hour period, please find the sign-up sheet in the foyer of St Paul's Church or otherwise contact the Parish Office to commit to a time. We will need to have two people present in the church throughout the night, so please be generous with your time and we can express our solidarity with so many who are suffering.

The next 15 Minutes with Father will be after the 11.00am Mass, this Sunday. All children are welcome to stay after Mass and join in the program.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday night during Lent, in St Paul's, at 7:00pm. A wonderful way to connect to the journey of Jesus in the final hours before his death upon the cross and resurrection 3 days later.

Sacramental Preparation Program

This year, we are excited to work with 23 young people from our parish and school communities in preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and their first Holy Communion. A reminder that families involved in the program must attend the first session next Thursday 17 March, at either 4:30-5:45pm or 6:45-8:00pm in St Paul's Hall.

Term 1 Masses in the College Chapel

Masses will not resume in the Chapel on a Thursday morning until Week 9 on advice from SA Health and CESA. Until further notice, due to current COVID restrictions, only staff members and students of the College are permitted to attend.

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator

Key Dates

Thursday 10 March

Beginning of Year Mass - 9:00am - 10:00am
Drama Incursion - 10:30am

Monday 14 March

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Tuesday 15 March

Student Free Day

Wednesday 16 March

Year 2 'Seven Little Wonders' Excursion - 11:30am
PLP Session (3) - 12pm

Please note that Clean up Australia Day has been postponed.

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Leader's Latest



Hello everyone, our names are Sarah and Keeva and we are your Mission Leaders for 2022.

There has been lots happening in the Catholic Identity and Mission space so far this term as we start the Lenten season. Tuesday 1 March was Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake day. This is where students could purchase a pancake with the money to be donated to Project Compassion, assisting those in need. Traditionally Shrove Tuesday was a feast day to use up luxury items like sugar, milk and eggs, in preparation for the 40 days of fasting for Lent.

This was followed by Ash Wednesday on March 2, where we marked the start of Lent with a Whole School Liturgy. Unfortunately, COVID restrictions prevented us from having large groups of people in the chapel and it was delivered via Teams to all the classes. A big thank you to Deacon Olek, Mrs Shanahan and all staff involved in the organisation of the Ash Wednesday service.

Pope Francis also announced March 2 as the World Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in Ukraine. To mark this day, we invited the school community to tie yellow and blue ribbons on the trees in the mall whilst praying for the Ukrainian people.

Project Compassion is an initiative led by Caritas each year throughout Lent to raise money for some of the world's most vulnerable people. This year the theme for Project Compassion is 'For All Future Generations' which reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of all generations to come. If you have any spare change, please place it in these boxes in classrooms or with the ones sent home. All donations are greatly appreciated and will have a significant impact on people living in poverty now and for all future generations.

On March 10, the College will celebrate our first Whole School Mass of the year, which will be held at Marist Park. This will be our new parish priest Fr Peter's first mass with our community. At the beginning of the Mass, the Year 12 students will walk their Reception buddies to their seats. We are so excited to celebrate this event together as a school community after being postponed earlier this term.

We can't wait for all of the events to come for the rest of the year.

Keeva Shepherd and Sarah Taylor | 2022 Mission Leaders



Student Information Checklists

Over the next few days your child will be bringing home an envelope containing a Student Information Checklist.

We ask that you check the information on this form carefully and return to the Front office marked up with any changes at your earliest opportunity. Please pay particularly close attention to Mobile number, Email address, Postal address, as in an emergency this is the way that we make contact with you.

Tracey Davey | Enrolment Registrar/Office Manager

Front Office and PRC Office Closed Thursday 10 March 9:00am - 10:15am

Parents/students please note that the Front Office will be closed so that all staff can attend Whole school Mass at Marist Park.

If your child arrives late to school please bring them directly to Marist Park.

Tracey Davey | Enrolment Registrar/Office Manager



Charlie Stephenson Secures Apprenticeship

Congratulations to 2022 Year 11 student, Charlie Stephenson, who has secured a role with Danny Stephenson Tiling!

Charlie's role includes assisting on installation of floor and wall tiles - mixing adhesives, grouting and water-proofing. Charlie will be working to gain an apprenticeship as a plumber in 2023.

Congratulations, Charlie, we wish you all the best in your bright future!

Pictured is Father Danny, Charlie Stephenson, and Head of Senior School Ciaran Buckley.



Week 5 Shine FM Podcast - R - 6 Insight Into Deacon Olek's Ordination

Tune in to our Week 6 edition of the SHINE FM Podcast, for an insight into Deacon Olek's Ordination! Listen [here](#).



Volunteers Needed!

Tenison Woods College continues to offer the Learning Assistance Program (LAP) to our students and we are seeking interested parents and friends of the school to assist as volunteers.

The Learning Assistance Program is a program whereby volunteers, in partnership with teaching staff, work with students on a one-on-one basis, for one 40mins sessions each week. There are often students in junior primary, who would benefit from individual time with a volunteer. Students may need support with class or subject work; they may be shy, lack confidence or just need someone to listen to them and show they care. LAP can be a positive factor in breaking the cycle of educational disadvantage. The volunteer becomes the student's friend and mentor, sharing in the challenge and excitement of learning through a variety of experiences. The support and encouragement that a volunteer can give, fosters the development of a student's self-esteem and confidence.

The success of the program is based on five simple principles.

These are that LAP:

- Is always one-to-one;
- Is about relationships;
- Builds confidence and self-esteem;
- Takes a creative approach to learning; and
- Promotes parent and community participation in schools.

This information has been taken from the 'Building Bridges With LAP' Coordinators' handbook

If you have time, knowledge, special talents or interests which may either facilitate a student's learning or enhance a child's experience at school, and you are willing to share them with students, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact me on (08)8725 5455 or (08)8724 4609 or via email at lucaj@tenison.catholic.edu.au

We would also like to give a big thank you to Andrew Clements (Pictured above) who has been a LAP Volunteer for 10 years! Congratulations and thank you Andrew!

Jess Lucas | LAP Coordinator

Uniform Shop Update

Please note that the uniform shop will be closed Tuesday 15 March on the Student Free Day. We will be open this Thursday 10 March from 12:30pm – 4:30pm and we will reopen on Thursday 17 March 12:30pm – 4:30pm.

Online orders can be placed anytime here.

Natalie Chisea | Uniform Shop



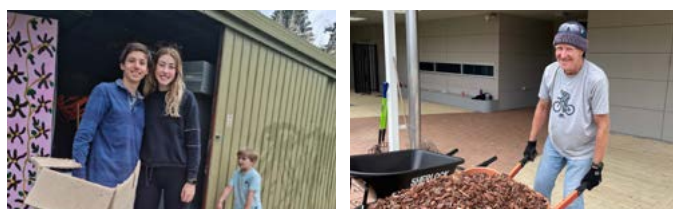
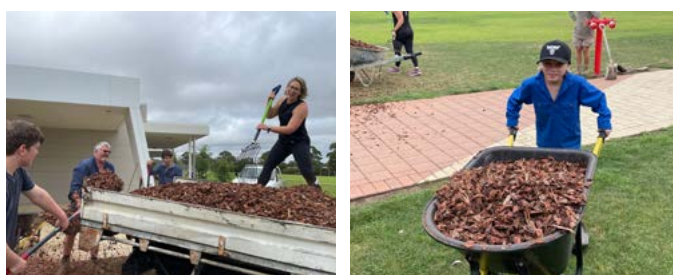
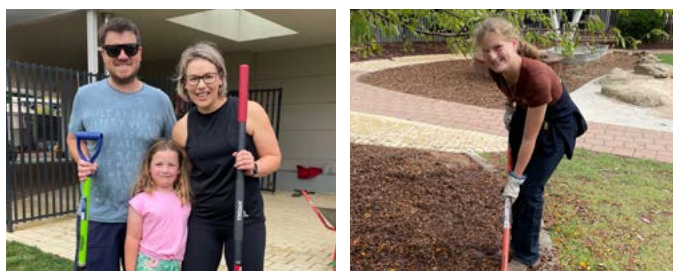
Maixence Williams AMEB Award

Year 12 Tenison Woods College student Maixence Williams recently received her Grade 8 Rockschoool AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board) Prize Award for 2021 in at the official ceremony held at the Elder Hall on the grounds of the University of Adelaide.

Well done Maixence on your musical success and well-earned recognition!

Pictured is AMEB Rockschoool Examiner, Mark Jorgensen and Maixence Williams.

Working Bee!





Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 Orders

All Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 orders are due by Friday 25 March 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](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Just follow the prompts to create a new account if it is your first-time ordering (only one account per family is required).

Please click [here](#) to see the enlarged flyer.

If you have any questions please contact me by my email at: mccos@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

Happy reading!!

Stacy McCourt | Year 3 Teacher



Receptions explore their senses!

Reception students recently explored their senses in their SAKG lessons, using a range of fresh herbs from our College garden.

Students described what each of the herbs smelt and felt like, some were even brave enough to taste them! There was certainly a mixed bag of reactions!

A great way to explore the world of gardening.



Check out the Tenison
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Facebook Page



2021 Dux and Academic Awards

Thursday 3 March, we celebrated our annual Dux Assembly. We welcomed back our highest academic achieving Year 12 students from 2021, to acknowledge and celebrate their outstanding ATAR results. We also acknowledged the 2021 Year 7-12 students that excelled in their academic results.

Parents and carers were able to view the event via livestream, and we would like to thank VideoLive for livestreaming the event.

Congratulations to all students on their fantastic results!



Ollie Pohlner - Subaru Liberty



Henry Sims - Toyota Celica

Ollie and Henry Enjoy South Eastern Automobile Club

Year 9 student Ollie Pohlner and Year 7 student Henry Sims competed in their first Motorkhana organised by the South Eastern Automobile Club over the weekend. Both students did very well for their first time out, learning more each run. As well as teaching car skills, Motorkhana also practices memory skills and understanding of patterns.



International Women's Day!

This week we recognised the many wonderful female staff at our College for International Women's Day. These inspirational women provide nurturing care to our students. At Tenison Woods College our young can "be it", because they "see it!" International Women's Day celebrates the work and achievements of women, inspiring further women to achieve their full potential!

Reception - Year 6 Sports Day Photo Gallery

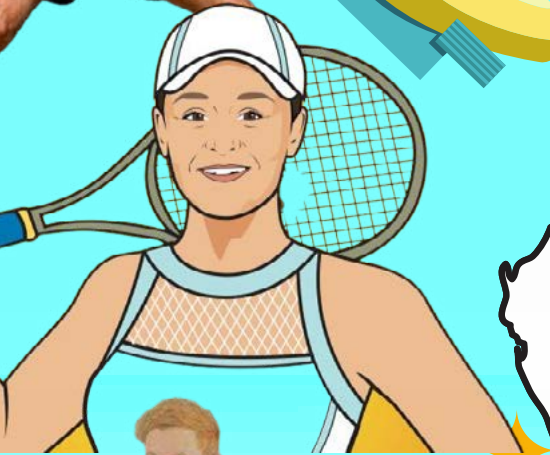
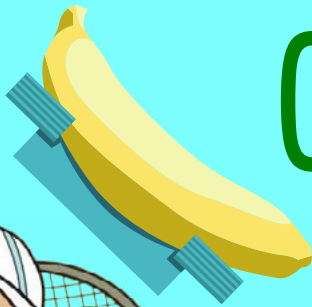




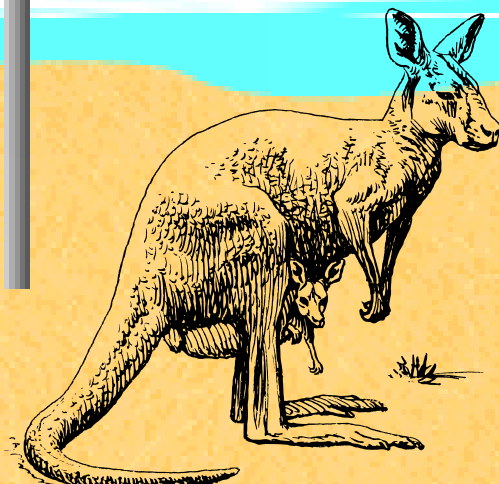
FRIDAY WEEK 7 - 18TH MARCH MARIST PARK

7-12 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

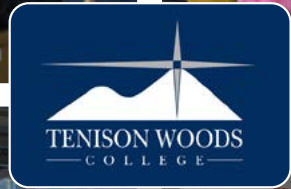
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THEME:
ALL THINGS AUSTRALIAN



2023 Year 7 Middle School Information Evening - **Millicent**



Thursday 17 March

2022, 7:15pm.

St. Anthony's Catholic
Primary School, Millicent

We invite all prospective 2023 Year 7 students and families to join us at St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School. Meet the Head of Middle School, Mr. Nick Patzel, as well as hear from current students attending the College and see for yourself what our College has to offer.

At Tenison Woods College, every learner has a place, every learner has a pathway and every learner will shine. This is supported by our new curriculum opportunities, in our newly developed Middle School, the Gilap Wangra Learning Community.



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Wednesday 30 March, 5:30pm for a 5:45pm start

Our 2022 Twilight Tour is open to all prospective families, with two tour options available:
Junior School Focus | Middle/Senior School Focus

We ask that you please register your attendance via our website or Facebook page or via this link:
tenison.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/twilight-tour



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Lunch Clubs!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Star Wars Club Mr Lock Room JS6	Walking Club Mr Agnew Meet in the Mall!	Chess Club Mr Mustey Library Year 3-6	STEM Miss Edwards Maker's Space	Sing-along Mrs Telford Chapel
Colouring/Paper Craft Library	Construction Club Mrs Prosperi-Porta Maker's Space	Reading Club Mrs Bradley Room TR13	Godly Play Mrs Telford Chapel	Dance Club Ms Kolhoffer MPR
Bluey Club Mrs Jeffrey Maker's Space	Puzzle Club Library	Science Club Amy Turnbull Maker's Space	Garden Club Mrs Jeffrey Reception Playground	Colouring/Paper Craft Library

Join in the fun at one of our clubs!



Location: Maker's Room in The Reception MacKillop Centre

Week 5 - Reception

Week 6 - Year 1

Week 7 - Year 2

Week 8 - Year 3

Week 9 - Year 4

Week 10 - Year 5

Week 11 - Year 6

Wednesday Lunch with Amy!

