

Weekly Newsletter



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Father Olek and Father Anthony's Ordination

Congratulations Fr Olek and Fr Anthony!

The wait is finally over! Tenison Woods College congratulates Fr Olek and Fr Anthony on their ordination on Saturday 12 March. The St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Adelaide was at capacity, with restrictions being lifted the night before, and many more watching from home on the livestream. Despite their journey to the priesthood occasionally being interrupted by COVID restrictions, the day was even more special as Fr Olek was ordained on the anniversary of St Francis Xavier being declared a saint of the Catholic Church. Fr Olek is also the youngest priest in the Archdiocese!

It was wonderful to see a number of staff, families and parishioners attend the ordination in Adelaide. If you didn't get the opportunity to attend the ordination or watch the livestream, you can find the link [here](#).



Fr Peter Zwaans, Fr Olek Stirrat, Fr Anthony Beltrame
and Fr Michael Romeo



Teodoro Family at Fr Olek's first Mass

Please read about this further in the CIM Team News.

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



Fr Olek and Fr Anthony are congratulated by priests of the Archdiocese after their ordinations.

Photo credit to Ben Macmahon - The Southern Cross

Be The One at Tenison Woods College

Beginning of Year Mass



Last Thursday morning 10 March, our College community came together in the picturesque Marist Park for the Beginning of Year Mass. This was a significant event for our College as it was the first time this year that we have been able to gather as a whole.

We officially welcomed Fr Peter Zwaans, our new parish priest, to our community as he celebrated his first Mass with us. He challenged the community to 'Be the One' for others, which aligns with the College theme for 2022. We look forward to getting to know Fr Peter throughout the year and deeply appreciate his support and ministry in our community in the short time he has been in Mount Gambier.

Continuing a cherished tradition, the Reception students were escorted into their very first Mass at the College by their Year 12 buddies, symbolising the beginning and the end of the students' educational journeys - each of them special and significant in their own individual way.

Our newly elected Year 6, Year 9 and Year 12 leaders were also blessed and commissioned as they begin their leadership roles in the College community.

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator

Please see more photos on page 6





From the Principal

Celebrating the Ordination of Father Olek in the Parish of Mount Gambier

We are thrilled that the Archbishop has announced that Fr Olek has been appointed to Mount Gambier and Millicent for his first parish as a priest. I look forward to Fr Olek's enthusiastic ministry and our steadfast support of his service.

Lenten Season and Project Compassion – For All Future Generations

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.'

Athletics Carnivals – Excellence, Fun and Community Spirit

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

3-6 Sports Day (*Catch up from postponement*) Thursday 17 March from 10:15am
7 - 12 Athletics Carnival Friday 18 March
SE Interschool Athletics Carnival Wednesday 23 March
(Mount Gambier High School)

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 of our students and also meet other families who are part of the College community.

Stay Safe Online – with Julie Inman Grant, eSafety Commissioner

Our community is invited to a critical event hosted by Tony Pasin, with Special Guest, Julie Inman Grant, Australian eSafety Commissioner.

This presentation will cover what you need to know to keep you and your family safe online. This will include information about how the eSafety Commissioner can support parents and carers when things go wrong online, including cyberbullying and image based abuse, as well as providing parenting strategies to help manage technology.

Date: Monday 4 April 2022
Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Location: Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, 10 Watson Terrace Mount Gambier
RSVP: FREE forum but RSVP is essential. Please RSVP [here](#).
Further information can be found [here](#).

2022 State Election Campaign – Political Party Comparison

We are well and truly in the final throes of the 2022 State Election Campaign. With this in mind, the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS) wrote to all political parties with candidates in this election and asked them to provide school communities with their party's response to the 7 key issues that are of significance to our families and the Catholic education sector.

The Labor Party and the Liberal Party were the only parties that responded to this request. These responses can be considered [here](#) which provides information about the position the two major political parties in South Australia have taken on these issues.

I hope that this summary of commitments will make it easy for our community to see the support being offered to students in Catholic schools.

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 Update and HHDL Success

As we move into Week 7, I am delighted that we are addressing the current positive cases and classroom contacts with significant diligence and deliberate communication, and I am heartened by our success in minimising the risk of COVID-19 in our College community.

Last week we noted a significant reduction in positive cases within our community. Our data shows that our 16 positive cases last week were spread

across a range of classes with almost no classes having more than 1 positive case. Interestingly, and as potentially expected, several are siblings who have obviously caught it from one another, not classmates.

I thank students, families, and staff for adhering so well to the HHDL strategy and arresting the trajectory of cases from our early peak a couple of weeks ago.

We are looking forward to having near full classes back in front of us this week.

For further information or FAQ's on isolation requirements 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 Subschool 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 7-12 students wear protective masks on buses. Younger children are encouraged to wear masks to offer optimum protection in the confined bus space.

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

I remind the community that the car park adjacent to the Pam Ronan Centre is a senior student car park and not a kiss and drop zone. 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 accident.

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 Mezinec | Principal

CIM Team News



Congratulations Father Olek Stirrat and Father Anthony Beltrame!

More on Father Olek and Father Anthony's Ordination

The Laying on of Hands

This is the first necessary component to the Sacrament of Holy Orders and is represented throughout the scriptures. It is a sign of election and the conferral, or bestowing, of the Holy Spirit. The Archbishop is the first to do this as an essential part of the Sacrament, followed by all the other priests in attendance.

Prayer of Ordination

The Archbishop then prays the prayer of Ordination, recalling the priesthood of the Old Testament, and how Jesus brings this to fulfillment as the One, True High Priest. This prayer, together with the laying on of hands, is the conferral of the Sacrament. At this point, the deacons are now priests!

Anointing of the Hands

The new priests kneel in front of the Archbishop and their hands are anointed with Sacred Chrism, or holy oil. Their hands are set apart, consecrated, for priestly service. From now on, the faithful will bring their offerings to the new priests so that this sacrifice can be offered from their newly consecrated hands.

For more information on other significant moments in the ordination ceremony, make sure you listen to last week's podcast [here](#). If you haven't seen our College video of support and congratulatory messages, make sure you watch it [here](#)!

We look forward to welcoming back Fr Olek to Mount Gambier this weekend as he celebrates his first mass at St Paul's on Sunday at 11.00am. As a College community, we continue to pray for Fr Olek and Fr Anthony as they begin their priestly ministries.

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 family 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.

K's for Caritas

Tenison Woods College will again be hosting the K's for Caritas event on Friday 25 March. Students will be involved in an all-day walk ‘relay style’ around the Marist Park oval from 9:00am-3:00pm. The K's for Caritas event highlights the amount of walking done in developing countries for school, water, food, and access to health care. This will also be a whole school casual day, with gold coin donations going straight to our Project Compassion campaign. More information about this event will be sent via an Edsmart Broadcast in the coming days.

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 TOMORROW, Thursday 17 March, at either 4:30-5:45pm or 6:45-8:00pm in St Paul's Hall.

Mount Gambier Catholic Parish Notices

In answer to Pope Francis' urgent request for prayer, we will hold all-night adoration at St Paul's, commencing: 3:00pm TOMORROW, 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 the 24-hour period, please find the sign-up sheet in the foyer of St Paul's 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 Church, 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.

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.

- Week 9 Thursday 31 March - Year 12
- Week 10 Thursday 7 April - Year 7

Youth Mass

Youth Mass is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the 6.00pm Saturday Mass at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. The next Youth Mass will be held on Saturday 19 March. The music and readings at this Mass are led by the young people from the College and the parish. Please contact either Chloe Shanahan, Kate Carroll or Chris Lloyd if you would like to be involved in this. The monthly Youth Mass is followed by a Youth Group dinner and discussion group. Students in Year 7 and above are encouraged to attend.

Family Mass

Family Masses are held on the 4th Sunday of the month at 11.00am Mass at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. The next Family Mass will be held Sunday, 27 March. Please contact either Chloe Shanahan, Sally Telford or Cisca Teodoro at mgpsacraments@bigpond.com if you would like to be involved. All families from the College are encouraged to attend.

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator

Key Dates

Thursday 17 March

- Year 3-6 Sports Day - 10:15am - 3:15pm
- Sacrament Family Session B - 4:30pm - 5:45pm
- Sacrament Family Session B - 6:45pm - 8:00pm
- Millicent Families Gathering - 6:00pm
- Middle School Information Evening - Millicent - 7:15pm - 8:15pm

Friday 18 March

- South East Field Days - Friday and Saturday
- SAPSASA District Swimming Day
- Year 7 - 12 Athletics Carnival - 8:30am
- 24 Hours of Prayer for Ukraine

Wednesday 23 March

- Sacrament of Reconciliation - Wednesday - Thursday
- Music Intensive Rehearsal Excursion - Wednesday - Friday
- South East Zone Interschool Athletics (at Mount Gambier High School) - 9:00am - 3:20pm



Ana Bernardo Nelia

Tenison Staff Support - Timor-Leste

Staff at Tenison Woods College have the opportunity to support the San Francisco Xavier College, Hatolia, Timor-Leste, The Marist Brothers Teachers College, Baucau, Timor-Leste and the Holy Family Care Centre (HFCC) in South Africa – Director Sr Sally Duigan.

\$2,000 USD was recently gifted to San Francisco Xavier College where the money will go towards running the school's programs for the year.

"Thanks for you and all staff and students Tenison College for your helping, support, your kindness. We pray for you and all your activity. God bless you and all staff. We are one family in Jesus Christ." - Fr Natalino

The staff also support 4 students at the Marist Brothers Teachers College. Ana Sersia de Assis Belo is one of these students. She is 21 and lives in New Town in Baucau. Her parents are alive, but her father is unable to work because he has had what we would call a nervous breakdown. He doesn't speak anymore and Ana's mother can't work because he needs so much care. Ana is the first of 4 children and was thinking of leaving ICFP because of finance. Because of the support from staff she now has the opportunity to complete her degree. Nelia and Bernardo are two other students we support and they recently graduated from the College. We wish them both well as they begin their career as teachers in Timor-Leste.

Bernadette Fisher





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 40 minute session 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



Week 7 Shine FM Podcast - 7-12 Athletics Carnival

Tune in to our Week 7 edition of the SHINE FM Podcast, and hear about the highly anticipated 7-12 Athletics Carnival, this episode is hosted by Sports Coordinator Tara Millard! Listen [here](#).



Hockey Academy Meets Local Hockeyroo

On Wednesday 23 February Year 7/8 Hockey Academy students sat down to a video call with former Naracoorte hockey player Hattie Shand who is gearing up to make her Hockeyroos debut this year. Hattie, aged 22 first picked up a hockey stick at the age of 9 playing for Dartmoor Hockey Club. She has represented the region and the state in various competitions, including playing for South Australia from under 12's through to representing Australia in the Jillaroots. Hockey academy students prepared a range of questions for Hattie from why she started playing hockey, what skills she has developed throughout her career and how nutrition is vital for athletes physical and mental health.

The Hockey Academy would like to thank Hattie for speaking with us and wish her all the best for her Hockeyroo debut.



SAPSASA In Full Swing

SAPSASA is in full swing with the LSE SAPSASA Softball team chosen already. We congratulate Vespa Scott on being selected in the team which will participate in the state carnival in Adelaide from April 11-13.

SAPSASA swimming trials are Friday 18 March, Football for girls and boys on Monday 4 April and District Athletics Day on Thursday 7th April.

Professional Learning Day for Staff

On Tuesday 15 March, staff enjoyed a Professional Learning Day, using this time to further their teaching craft in a range of areas. All staff enjoyed a plenary before commencing their sub-school Professional Learning Day, with most of the day conducted through Microsoft Teams

Our Reception-Year 6 staff enjoyed Regional Year Level Team Unit Planning Activities, Year 7-12 staff participated in a number of sessions in relation to critical literacies of our community, with several other staff undertook a senior first aid course, or Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect Masterclass.

A productive Professional Learning day for staff, as they enhanced skills and understandings which will be significantly utilised in the ensuing Term.

Beginning of Year Mass Photo Gallery



Menu For 7-12 Athletics Carnival

Food

Sausages - \$2.00
 Hamburgers - \$4.00
 Bacon and Egg Rolls - \$4.00
 Nachos - \$5.00
 Salad Rolls - \$5.00
 Muffins - \$3.00
 Cookies - \$1.00
 Chocolate Bars - \$2.00
 Chicken Wraps - \$3.00

Drinks

Cans of drinks - \$2.00
 Bottles of Water - \$2.00
 Gatorade - \$3.00

Coffee will be provided courtesy of Staying Grounded Coffee Co.

Contact Jo on 0411 96 1188

Email: rubysaltbush@outlook.com



7-12 Athletics Carnival Program [Click Here](#)

FRIDAY WEEK 7 - 18TH MARCH MARIST PARK

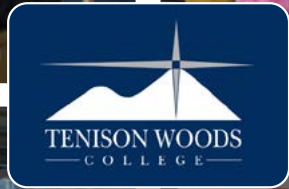
7-12 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Woods vs MacKillop vs McAuley vs Champagnat

TENISON WOODS COLLEGE

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 Wanga 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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