

# Weekly Newsletter



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## Year 7 - 12 Athletics Carnival

Spectacular weather was on the cards for our Year 7-12 Athletics Carnival at Marist Park, with students and staff showing their Founder team spirit with a wide range of creative costumes.

Students showcased their athletic ability, participating in sprints, discus, long and high jump to name a few.

### RESULTS!

**1st McAuley - 5100**

**2nd Woods - 4703**

**3rd MacKillop - 4196**

**4th Champagnat - 3937**

**House Spirit Award** - Woods

**Con Brown Award** - Jacob Salmon

**Junior Athletics Champion** - Maggie Collins

**Senior Athletics Champion** - Thomas Bignell

**Fastest Male (Brian Crowe Memorial Trophy)** - Reuben van Eyk

**Fastest Female** - Raine Darimaani

### AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

U/13 Female - Lucy Crowe

U/13 Male - Axel Page and Hamish Gordon

U/14 Female - Maggie Collins

U/14 Male - Harvey Croker

U/15 Female - Luca Roulstone

U/15 Male - Jacob Salmon

U/16 Female - Ellie Mullan

U/16 Male - Jackson Bowden

Open Female - Joey Jones

Open Male - Thomas Bignell

Best Dressed Male - Noah Sims

Best Dressed Females: Mia Grant, Ariella Holland, Claire Brooker & Kasey White

Best Dressed Staff Member - Katrina Mott



*Be The One at Tenison Woods College*

# Year 3 - 6 Sports Day

Marist Park was the venue for our Year 3-6 Sports Day, with the surrounds and weather spectacular. Students all got into the spirit of the day with their coloured tops and singing voices, as all participated in sprints, discus, hurdles, long and high jump to name a few.

## RESULTS

**1st Woods - 3043**

**2nd McAuley - 2729**

**3rd Champagnat - 2657**

**4th MacKillop - 2459**

## YEAR LEVEL CHAMPIONS

Year 3 Female: Georgia

Year 3 Male: Brock Lewis

Year 4 Female: Zoe Little

Year 4 Male: Paddy Bouchier

Year 5 Female: Darcy Hodges & Annabelle

Year 5 Male: Felix Bell

Year 6 Female: Scarlet Ryan

Year 6 Male: Paddy Sigley

Many thanks to the PE staff and volunteers for making this incredible day possible!



# From the Principal



## Athletics Carnivals – Excellence, Fun and Community Spirit

I was delighted with the sporting endeavor, personal bests and community spirit which prevailed last week at our Years 3-6 postponed Sports Day on Thursday 17 March, and Years 7-12 Athletics Carnival on Friday 18 March. I thank students for their wonderful participation, teachers for their careful preparation and parents, carers and extended families for their support.

We were also looking forward to the South East Interschool Athletics Carnival which took place today at the Mount Gambier High School.

## Board Annual General Meeting

I remind parents and caregivers of the Annual General Meeting of the Tenison Woods College Board, which will be held next Wednesday 30 March at 7:30pm in the Pam Ronan Centre Lecture Theatre. Given COVID-19 precautions the Annual General Meeting will be livestreamed and the link will be forwarded in due course.

As part of the evening, the Reception Team guest speakers will offer insights into their journey of planning and utilising the new MacKillop Reception Community building.

The Tenison Woods College Board is comprised of members from the school community, parish community and staff. It is an advisory group to the Principal that oversees the strategic planning, financial management and policy ratification for the College Community.

The President of the Tenison Woods College Board is Father Peter Zwaans.

The efforts throughout 2021-22 have been greatly appreciated, especially through the work of the Board Sub-Committees:

- Finance Committee
- Building, Grounds and Asset Management Committee
- Faith, Wellbeing & Health Committee
- Uniform Committee
- ELCC & OSHC Advisory Committee
- Friends of Tenison Woods College Committee

## 2022 Board

Continuing Members:

- Peter Collins
- Lisa Hogan
- Jim Cornolo
- Matthew Gazzard
- Aleathia Holland
- Peter Holmes
- Bert Proserpi-Porta
- Domenica Dunn as ELCC representative
- Laura Herbert as staff representative
- Amy Turnbull as staff representative

Following the College community nomination process the following people will join the College Board:

- Peta Baverstock of Penola.
- Linda Carter-Shepherd of Beachport

Our sincere thanks is offered to Brooke Rzeplia, who has been an active member of the Board for six years since 2015. We thank Brooke for her discernment, commitment and vision for the College community.

We also thank Cathy Edwards who served as Parish Pastoral Council Representative for 2021. Jennie Sanderson will be the Parish Pastoral Council Representative for 2022 and we re-welcome Jennie to the Board.

Ex-Officio (non-voting) Board Representatives are:

- Father Peter Zwaans – President
- David Mezinac – Principal
- Michelle Coote – Deputy Principal
- Neal Turley – Business Manager
- Trudi Dempsey – WHS Officer
- Mary de Nys – Minute Secretary

## Parent-Teacher-Student Phone Conferences on Thursday 31 March and Tuesday 5 April

In addition to the information that can be found in SEQTA regarding your child's academic progress, Parent - Teacher - Student Conferences provide another

highly individualised way that you can gather and share information about your child.

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences occur with your child's teachers.

The main focus is to:

- Build a positive relationship;
- Share information about your child's interests and learning;
- Talk more in-depth about your child's student report.

It is highly recommended that your child participate the Parent Teacher Conference.

Due to current recommendations surrounding the COVID-19 virus and the limiting of large gatherings, the College will conduct this event from 4:00pm via phone with the staff member making contact at the scheduled time.

If you require further information or would like assistance regarding this process, please contact the Front Office Administration team on (08) 8725 5455. Please have your booking code if you phone for assistance.

## 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](#).

## Meeting the Penola Community Next week

As a College we greatly appreciate the support offered to us by our regional communities and we look forward to visiting them each year and connecting with current and prospective families. In week 7 we had a great night Thursday 17 March with the Millicent community, and next week our travels Tuesday evening 29 March take us to Penola, enjoying the hospitality of Mary MacKillop Memorial School and appreciating the wonderful relationships we have with the school, families and general community.

## COVID-19 Update and HHDL Success

As we move into week 8, I am pleased 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. We had 23 cases spread across several classes within the school. Our data shows that our positive cases last week were spread across a range of classes.

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

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.

## 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!

### Lenten Season and Project Compassion – For All Future Generations

Fundraising throughout the six weeks of Lent contributes 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.'

God Bless,  
David Mezinac | Principal

## CIM Team News



### Consecration of Russia and Ukraine

As we continue to watch the events in Ukraine unfold, Catholics across Australia are being invited to join Pope Francis, and the world, on Friday 25 March to find time to pray for peace in Ukraine.

*'Catholics around the world are being encouraged to join their prayers with those of Pope Francis on March 25 when he consecrates Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The act of consecration places the warring countries under the protection of Mary, the Mother of Christ, trusting in the power of her intercession. Such an act looks towards God, the source of all peace, and seeks God's peace through Mary.'*

Archbishop Mark Coleridge, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, said the feast of the Annunciation, when the Church celebrates Mary's "yes" to the call of God, is a good day for the consecration – a day when the world says "yes" to the call of peace. We stop and turn to Jesus Prince of Peace, who tells us that peace is possible in a world so badly wounded by war in Ukraine and elsewhere. "We raise our hearts, our minds, and our voices to God for an end to this horrific violence and destruction."

*God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.*

*Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.*

*You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.*

*Give us the strength to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.*

*Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.*

### Project Compassion – "A Future for All Generations" and K's for Caritas

One of the stories our students have focused on throughout the last few weeks is that of Anatercia, a 12-year-old girl from southern Mozambique. With her father passing away when she was 4 and her mother struggling with chronic health issues, Anatercia and her mother moved in with her grandparents in a small hut with no electricity, and their village had no healthcare, education or supermarket. With her grandfather being the only source of income through being unable to work on the farm, the family lost their livelihood, often going hungry due to their crops being neglected or suffering from irregular rainfall, drought or floods. Anatercia took on more responsibilities to support the struggling family, often travelling up to 5 hours to collect water each day.

Did you know that 2 million people in Mozambique currently face food insecurity, due to the combined effects of natural disasters, the conflict in northern Mozambique and COVID-19?

This Friday, 25 March, Tenison Woods College will again be hosting the K's for Caritas event. 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. Online donations can be made [here](#). To help us achieve our goal of raising \$2,000 to help children like Anatercia and their families.

### Sacramental Preparation Program

The Tenison Woods College and Mount Gambier Catholic Parish children involved in the Sacramental Program will be celebrating their first Reconciliation next Wednesday 30 March. We keep these students in our prayers as they take the next step in their journey to full initiation into the Catholic Church.

### Distributing Eggs

Please keep in mind as we continue to approach the Easter season, that we are in Lent or Holy Week until Easter Sunday, celebrated on 17 April. The themes during this time are PRAYER, FASTING AND GIVING. On Easter Sunday, we move into the joyful season of Easter which is 50 days of CELEBRATING. The giving of Easter Eggs is discouraged until Easter Sunday when we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. When considered in light of the school year, this means the College encourages students who would like to give something to their friends at school, to do so after the Easter break rather than before.

### Mount Gambier Catholic Parish Notices

The next 15 Minutes with Father will be after the 11.00am Family 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. This is 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.

### 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 this Sunday, 27 March. Please contact either Chloe Shanahan, Sally Telford or Cisca Teodoro at [mgsacraments@bigpond.com](mailto:mgsacraments@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 24 March

Music Intensive Rehearsal excursion - Thursday and Friday  
NAPLAN National Coordinated Practice Test

### Friday 25 March

Annunciation of The Lord  
K's For Caritas (Casual Clothes)  
Peter Coombe Concert (Poplars) - 1:30pm - 3:00pm

### Monday 28 March

Stage 1 Surf Camp - 8:30am

### Tuesday 29 March

Year 8 Immunisations (1st Visit) - 9:00am - 11:00am  
Penola Families Gathering - 6:00pm  
Middle School Information Evening - Penola - 7:15pm - 8:15pm

### Wednesday 30 March

Twilight Tour - 5:45pm - 6:45pm

### Thursday 31 March

Harmony Day  
Year R - 12 Parent Teacher Interviews - 4:00pm - 8:00pm



## Uniform Shop

If you are needing new uniform items, visit the Uniform Shop during the trading hours below:

Tuesdays 8:00AM - 12:00PM  
Thursdays 12:30PM - 4:30PM



# Leader's Latest



Hello everyone, our names are Noah and Joey, and we are your Sport Leaders for 2022.

The start of this year has been very busy for us and the sports department as we had been organising the Years 7-12 Athletics Carnival. The day was a huge success showing off the amazing athletic students we have. It was also great to see everyone participating, trying new events and showing great team spirit throughout the day.

We would like to congratulate McAuley on winning the day, it was great to see how well your team performed. Another congratulations to Woods on winning the Spirit Stick, as your team had shown great encouragement and spirit throughout the day. We would like to thank the Founder Leaders as you all showed great leadership throughout the day organising your teams and encouraging participation.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Miss Millard as the day would not have been such a success without you. We would also like to thank all other staff and students who gave up their time to help set up. Also, to the Sugarloaf Café thank you for catering for the whole day, providing delicious food for all.

We cannot wait until Term 2 when all of the different knockout sports start, hopefully we can defend some titles we won last year and continue to show off the great athletes we have at the school.

We are both looking forward to a great year!

Thanks!

**Noah Sims and Joey Jones** | Sport Leaders



## Junior Poplars Collaborative Art

This Term, the Junior Poplars class are working on a collaborative piece of art. Students are exploring a variety of techniques and working together to paint a canvas. So far, they have used foam rollers, masking tape, fingers, and sponges to add texture and imagery to their canvas. Recently, they added their third layer to the Collaborative Canvas, stenciling patterns onto the canvas using sponges. Each session they use a different colour and technique to develop their artistic skills.

Every student has added detail to the artwork, exploring new techniques as they add to their creation.



## Hamish Case – State Cricket Selection

Congratulations to Old Scholar, Hamish Case, as he has been named in the final squad for the South Australian State Under 19s Cricket team, which will compete at the Australian Championships in April.

Great work, Hamish!

*Photo courtesy of South Australian Cricket Association.*



## NAPLAN 2022

This year NAPLAN Testing for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will take place from Tuesday May 10 to Friday May 20. Information on the testing is available [here](#).

Parents and carers are asked to please avoid making appointments outside the school site for students during this two week period.

Students in these year levels will sit a National Practice Test this term to ensure they are familiar and comfortable with the test procedures. Any concerns or questions can be directed to your child's Home Group teacher or directly to me as Online Assessment Coordinator. [lloyc@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lloyc@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

**Chris Lloyd** | Teacher Librarian / CIM 7-9 Leader / Online Assessment Coordinator



## Employment Opportunity - Uniform Shop

Tenison Woods College is a dynamic Early Years - Year 12 Catholic co-educational College with over 1300 students. The College is situated in picturesque grounds on the outskirts of Mount Gambier, SA.

Perm-A-Pleat Schoolwear is seeking a friendly, efficient and experienced Retail Store Manager to work on a part-time basis (averaging 8 hours per week) at the retail store located at Tenison Woods College. Extra hours will be required during peak trading periods in January and February.

### To be successful you need:

- Previous retail experience is essential.
- Skilled in the operation of a computerised cash till, cash handling and good knowledge of computer packages.
- MYOB – Retail Manager experience would be an advantage.

### About you:

- Leads by example and hands-on in your role.
- Loves providing exceptional customer service to deliver a consistently positive shopping experience.
- Has strong interpersonal skills to motivate and lead a team to reach their potential.
- Has excellent communication skills and personal presentation.

### Benefits:

- On-going development and training.
- Staff Uniform.

To apply for this position, please attach your resume and covering letter marked attention to Danni Morrissey at [danni.morrissey@permableat.com.au](mailto:danni.morrissey@permableat.com.au). The successful applicant will be required to have a valid Working with Children's Check and COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate.

The closing date for applications is March 28, 2022.

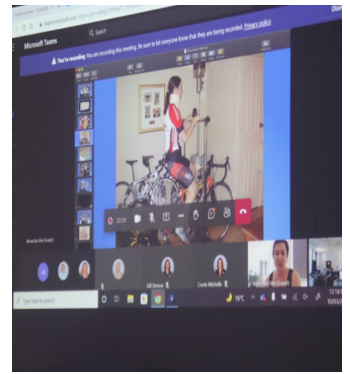


## College T-Ball Team

After-school sports are in full swing! We have nominated a T-Ball team who play on Friday nights at Blue Lake Sports Park, enjoying learning new skills and being part of a team. We thank Leanne Kroon for her assistance in being the Team Manager.

A broadcast will be sent home this week regarding after-school Netball and Football which will begin in Term 2.

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



## Olympian Anna Meares Speaks to 9SHINE Students

During Week 6, 9SHINE students were treated to a captivating keynote speech via Zoom from four-time Olympian, Anna Meares, as she spoke of her incredible journey in cycling and life. Students were engaged throughout and blown away by the footage of Anna recovering from her C2 neck injury. Anna's story was one of great resilience that showcased the power of a strong woman.

A massive thank you must go to Anna's close friend and College staff member, Che Thomas, for coordinating the talk.

*'Positivity breeds positivity, negativity breeds negativity.'* – Anna Meares

**Brad Maney** | 7 - 12 HPE Coordinator, 9SHINE / Year 9 Wellbeing Coordinator



## Year 2 Chalk Drawing

Year 2 students have been exploring the question 'How is God a community of loving people?'. On Monday 21 March, students used chalk to draw a picture that represents what being an inclusive community member means to them.



## Week 8 Shine FM Podcast - Project Recology

Tune in to our Week 8 edition of the SHINE FM Podcast for all things Project Recology! Listen as Tom Linnell updates you about the exciting things happening in the space, and hear about the new Biodigester, which is similar to a giant bread maker, turning all of our waste into compost. Listen [here](#).



## SAPSASA Swimming

On Friday 18 March, a small contingent of College swimmers headed to Penola for the District Swimming Day. Weather-wise, it was a glorious day for a paddle in the pool. We are proud to congratulate the following students who secured a spot in the Lower South East SAPSASA Swim Team:

**Year 4:**

Madi Ras

**Year 5:**

Olivia Argent  
Darcy Hodges  
Kiahna Little  
Jobe Creek

**Year 6:**

Jessica Oxlade  
Henry Kentish

We wish them luck at their state event in Term 2!

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



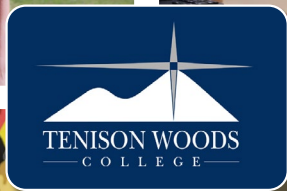
## South East Field Days 2022

Thank you to all those who visited us at the South East Field Days! It was fantastic to be back, supporting this wonderful event and saying hello to many Old Scholars & Staff, as well as many new faces!

For those of you who came by and picked up one of our Colouring-In Competitions, please be reminded entries close this Friday! With over \$1,000 worth of prizes up for grabs, make sure you get your entries in!

**Tracey Davey** | Enrolment Registrar

# 2023 Year 7 Middle School Information Evening - Penola



**Tuesday 29 March  
2022, 7:15pm.**

Mary MacKillop Memorial  
School, Penola

We invite all prospective 2023 Year 7 students and families to join us at Mary MacKillop Memorial 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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**FRIDAY  
MARCH 25  
9:00AM - 3:00PM  
MARIST  
PARK**



**WORKING TOGETHER FOR  
OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY**



**Students will be involved in a walk with their class groups at designated times.**

**This event highlights the amount of walking done in developing countries to school; for water; to access health care etc.**

**Parents and friends all welcome to join!**

**To Donate please access the following link:  
[https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au  
/t/tenisonwoodscollge](https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/t/tenisonwoodscollge)**



# TWILIGHT TOUR

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

NEXT WEEK

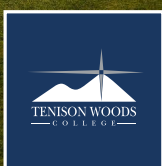


Our 2022 Twilight Tour is open to all prospective families, with two tour options available:  
**Junior School Focus | Middle/Senior School Focus**

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](https://tenison.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/twilight-tour)



New Year 1-6 Junior School - Opening 2023!



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Drop-off points: Front office and PRC office

All equipment will be given to a new home by

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## COMMUNITY KITCHEN

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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
6:00PM AT THE JOHN FREW CENTRE  
PENOLA ROAD**

*All Members of the Sunset Community Kitchen and  
Supporters are Welcome*

**Doors open at 6.00pm for a 6.30 start.**

**We welcome you to take an active role in this excellent community service. Share your vision and ideas on how the Kitchen may progress into the future. Please consider nominating yourself or someone you know who would be willing to stand for the Committee; all positions will be declared vacant.**

**Contact 0418 807 428 to register attendance.**

***Masks are to be worn as per current Covid -19 precautions. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell.***

***We thank you for your support.***