

# Weekly Newsletter



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## K's and Casuals for Caritas

Last week on Friday 25 March we hosted our annual "K's and Casuals for Caritas" event which was a great success, with the College community walking laps around the Marist Park oval to raise funds for the annual Project Compassion appeal. Collectively as class groups, we walked approximately 170km throughout the day and raised \$1646.60 from casual day donations, which is an amazing effort!

Principal, David Meziniec, challenged our community to consider the walk that our global brothers and sisters take each day for clean water, food and basic necessities. Our staff and students certainly aspired to 'Be the One', as they walked to raise awareness, and money, for those in our world who need it most. Students also competed in a relay-style event, carrying buckets filled with tins of food to gain a greater understanding of the walk taken each day by so many people in our world.

A special thank you to our Year 6 student leaders who assisted throughout the day - they were an incredible help to staff and students in one of their first leadership opportunities for 2022.

Online donations can still be made [here](#).

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



# From the Principal



## Be the One - "K's and Casuals for Caritas"

Last Friday students and staff stood in solidarity with the thousands of men, women and children around the world who need to cover many kilometres to fetch water, obtain food, get to school or market, or simply to survive.

In amongst the fun and fundraising, the K's and Casuals for Caritas event was a profound statement that we can do something about this situation in our world by shining a light on it and in this way, we said that we see you, we understand your pain, you are important to us and we are going to make your life better.

I thank the Catholic Identity and Mission Team, with all the staff and student support for the K's and Casuals for Caritas event on Friday. A special mention to the Year 6 student leaders who were down at Marist Park all day helping in any way that they saw they needed to – from counting laps to assisting younger students with buckets, they were incredible in one of their first leadership opportunities for 2022.

In addition to those countries in need, funds will also be forwarded to support Ukraine as Friday, Catholics around the world were being encouraged to join their prayers with those of Pope Francis when he consecrated 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.'

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.'

## Board Annual General Meeting

I remind parents and caregivers of the Annual General Meeting of the Tenison Woods College Board, which will be held this evening 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 can be accessed [here](#).

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 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 Prosperi-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
- Chris Ind of Mount Gambier

Our sincere thanks is offered to Brooke Rzepiela, 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:

- 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, Year R - 12 Parent-Teacher-Student Phone Conferences provide another highly individualised way that you can gather and share information about your child.

Year R - 12 Parent-Teacher-Student Phone 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 participates in the Year R - 12 Parent-Teacher-Student Phone Conferences.

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 - [here](#).

Further information can be found [here](#).

## Meeting the Penola Community

Yesterday evening Tuesday 29 March, we had a great catch up with our Penola families, 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 9, 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 21 cases spread across several classes within the school. 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 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 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.

### 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

### 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.

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



## CIM Team News



### Sacramental Preparation Program

The Tenison Woods College and Mount Gambier Catholic Parish children involved in the Sacramental Program will be celebrating their first Reconciliation today, 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.

### Faith Facts

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



Answer in next week's newsletter!

### Masses for Holy Week and Easter

Please click [here](#) to see the Holy Week and Easter timetable for all the South East Deanery. We encourage all families to celebrate all our Holy Week and Easter ceremonies so as to experience deeply the saving presence of Christ among us.

### Palm Sunday

This year, Palm Sunday is celebrated on 10 April. This marks the beginning of Holy Week – the final week of Lent. Palm Sunday reminds us of the journey that Jesus made into Jerusalem, on a donkey, to celebrate the Jewish feast of Passover. Many people welcomed Jesus by shouting, waving palm branches and throwing branches down into the path of the donkey.

Please keep this date free as we would like to see as many children and families there as possible.

### Distributing Eggs

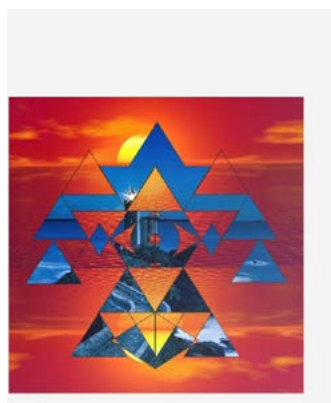
Please keep in mind as we continue to approach the Easter season, that we are in Lent or Holy Week until Easter Sunday, celebrated on 17 April. The themes during this time are PRAYER, FASTING AND GIVING. On Easter Sunday, we move into the joyful season of Easter which is 50 days of CELEBRATING. The giving 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 school holidays rather than before.

## Exciting Project Recology News!

In Week 7, we excitedly received our industrial composting machine and undertook a commissioning and training by EcoGuardians. This machine will play a key role in processing the large amount of the College's organic green waste generated each day. The machine has already been busy, processing 500 kilograms of food waste and converting it into a rich organic fertiliser, free of pathogens and ready to enrich our school soils.

Our Poplars students have adapted well to our new daily green waste collection process, swapping out 20L buckets build into our existing green waste bins. These students will also work to develop a small enterprise, bagging the fertiliser and selling directly to the community. Please watch this space to find out how you can get your hands on a bag.

Tom Linnell | Early Years to Year 12 Sustainability Coordinator



Scan the QR Code with the EyeJack app to see the artwork come to life.



## E-Motion - Year 9 Digital Creative Arts

This term in E-Motion the Year 9 students have been exploring the elements of art and principles of design including colour, contrast, shape, line and composition in an animated geometric design. They explore how Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop can be utilised in combination to create a beautiful animated gif.

This was then exported out into EyeJack and the audience can use their device to activate the QR code and view animation from a printout. Have a go at viewing this beautiful piece by scanning the code and pointing it at the artwork on screen.

Warning:

There is sound when animated.

Yunita Manfrin | Digital Creative Arts / Design Teacher Year 7 - 12

# Leader's Latest



Hello everyone! Our names are Chelsea and Mason and we are the 2022 Year 9 Student Leaders.

Mason and I are extremely grateful to have received the role of Year 9 Leaders, and we can't wait for the year ahead. We hope to make middle school the best possible experience for 2022. Our aim is to work with the other Year 9 Leaders and listen to the voice of the students, allowing middle school students to have more of a say in what happens in middle school.

We have started the year online, so we had a slow start to our leadership positions. We haven't been able to start the year together, and a few events were postponed, so we are excited to plan the events for the upcoming year. An event we are looking forward to is the Twilight Tours on Wednesday 30 March. We are excited to welcome new families into our community. Harmony Day will be held on Thursday 31 of March where will be handing out orange ribbons at the start of the day and holding some activities all in the spirit of Harmony Day.

We are looking forward to collaborating with other Year 9 leaders and Year 7 and 8 middle school council representatives. We have already begun meetings and we can't wait to hear everyone's ideas and see what changes we can make around middle school. We have met with the Junior School Leaders and the School Captains to discuss larger school events.

We can't wait for the rest of the year and to see what the future holds for us and the middle school.

**Chelsea Lucas and Mason Bentley** | Year 9 Leaders



## Key Dates

### Wednesday 30 March

Twilight Tour - 5:45pm  
College Board AGM - 7:30pm

### Thursday 31 March

Harmony Day  
Reception - Year 12 Parent-Teacher-Student Phone Conferences - 4:00pm

### Friday 1 April

SE Primary Schools Music Festival Combined Student Workshop (Livestreamed)  
- 9:15am - 11:30am

### Monday 4 April

SAPSASA Football Trial Day

### Tuesday 5 April

Reception - Year 12 Parent-Teacher-Student Phone Conferences - 4:00pm

### Wednesday 6 April

Year 10 Immunisations (1st Visit) - 9:00am



## NAPLAN 2022

This year NAPLAN Testing for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will take place from Tuesday 10 May to Friday 20 May. 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. [lloyd@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lloyd@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

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



## Year 8 - Put the T in Shirt

This term the Year 8 multimedia students have been inspired by the beautiful artworks created by Lance Balchin. He writes and illustrates books warning readers of the environmental effects humans have had on our planet. Due to this, a new breed of flora created by humans, made by mechanical parts mimicking the real thing. With help from the author in a recorded tutorial, students followed his demonstration of the tools required in Adobe Photoshop. It introduces using potential the software has for manipulating photographs. The creatures created are whimsical and, in some cases, beautiful in their own right.

**Yunita Manfrin** | Digital Creative Arts / Design Teacher Year 7 12



Check out the Tenison Woods College Facebook Page

# 2022 Year 7 - 12 Athletics Carnival Records Broken

## U/13 Girls 800m:

Existing Record – Raine Darimaani 2:56.00 (2021)  
New Record – Raine Darimaani 2:50.06 (2022)

## U/13 Girls 1500m:

Existing Record – Maggie Collins 6:35.50 (2021)  
New Record – Lucy Crowe 6:14.25 (2022)

## U/15 Boys 1500m:

Existing Record – Luke Stewart 5:00.40 (1994)  
New Record – Jacob Salmon 4:56.63 (2022)

## U/13 Girls Hurdles:

Existing Record – Raine Darimaani 15:45.00 (2021)  
New Record – Raine Darimaani 13:92 (2022)

## U/13 Boys Hurdles:

Existing Record – Archie Aitken 16.25 (2021)  
New Record – Vinnie Moore 14.47 (2022)

## U/13 Girls 100m:

Existing Record – Ruby Mitchell 13.69 (2021)  
New Record – Raine Darimaani 13.24 (2022)

## U/13 Boys 100m:

Existing Record – Joey Ottoson-Crossling 14.90 (2021)  
New Record – Hamish 14.73 (2022)

## U/13 Boys Discus:

Existing Record – Riley Ellis 31.04 (2021)  
New Record – Hamish 33.50 (2022)

## U/13 Girls High Jump:

Existing Record – Eva Crowe 1.25 (2021)  
New Record – Raine Darimaani 1.37 (2022)

## U/13 Girls Discus:

Existing Record – Sienna Lewis 17.75 (2021)  
New Record – Bell Coghlan 20.10 (2022)

## U/13 Boys Shot Put:

Existing Record – Harry O’Loughlin 8.45 (2021)  
New Record – Hamish 10.89 (2022)

## U/13 Girls 200m:

Existing Record – Raine Darimaani 27.67 (2021)  
New Record – Raine Darimaani 27.39 (2022)

## U/13 Boys Triple Jump:

Existing Record – William 6.72 (2021)  
New Record – Luc Baverstock 8.22 (2022)

## U/13 Girls Long Jump:

Existing Record – Sienna Lewis 3.32 (2021)  
New Record – Lucy Crowe 3.86 (2022)

## U/15 Boys High Jump:

Existing Record – Matthew Black 1.72 (2016)  
New Record – Rex Jones 1.87 (2022)

## U/13 Boys Javelin:

Existing Record – Zaylen Smith 20.53 (2021)  
New Record – Hamish 24.41 (2022)

## U/13 Girls Triple Jump:

Existing Record – Maggie Collins 7.03 (2021)  
New Record – Bell Coghlan 7.46 (2022)

## U/13 Boys Long Jump:

Existing Record – Charles Moore 3.92 (2021)  
New Record – Hamish 4.07 (2022)

## U/13 Girls 400m:

Existing Record – Maggie Collins 1:21.41 (2021)  
New Record – Lucy Crowe 1:15.97 (2022)

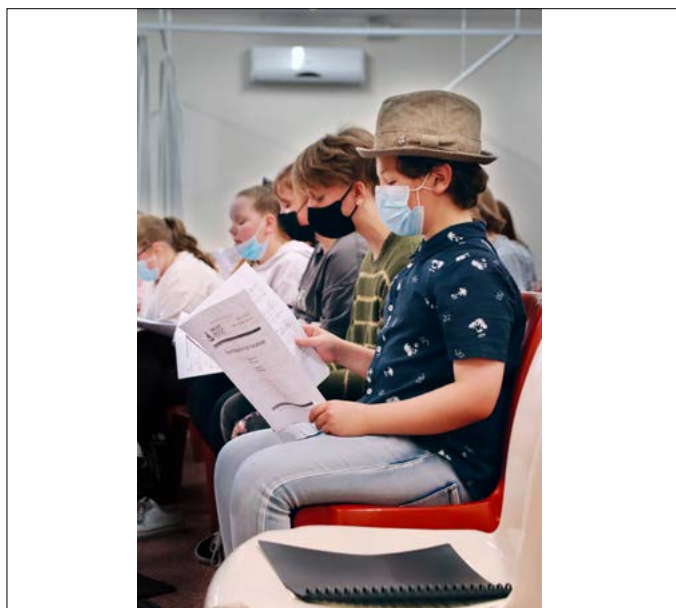
## U/13 Girls Javelin:

Existing Record – Macca Burke 15.18 (2021)  
New Record – Louise Stanley 17.70 (2022)

## U/15 Boys 400m:

Existing Record – James Davies 57.79 (2011)  
New Record – Jacob Salmon 56.92 (2022)

Tara Millard | Year 7 - 12 Sports Coordinator, Outdoor Education, HPE Teacher



## Music Intensive Rehearsals

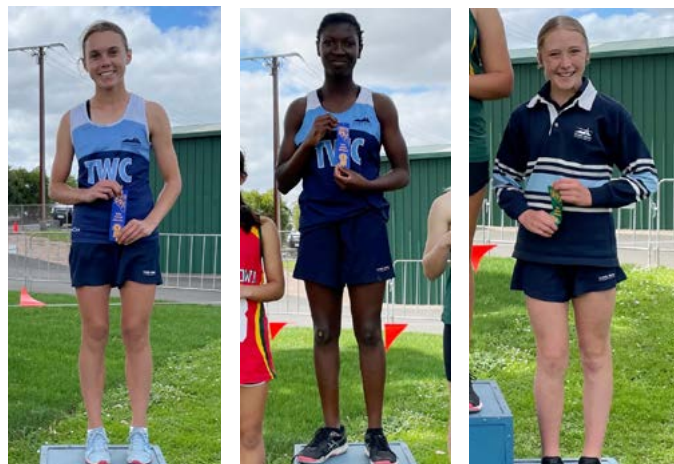
Last week, three of our Generations In Jazz Choirs and Big Band participated in a two day excursion to the Wehl Street Theatre for Intensive Rehearsals in which students practiced with their ensembles to get ready for the GIJ competition and came together for some team building activities.

On the first day, students were assigned teams and participated in a quiz, with Team number 2 each walking away with a large block of chocolate and some major bragging rights.

This year, again due to restrictions, we were not permitted to put on a performance for families or for one of our Sister Schools. Instead, each ensemble showcased their hard work to their peers.

A huge thank you to staff and students that helped out with and attended the Intensive Rehearsal days. It was great to see Year 7 though to Year 12 students working together and making connections.

Ethan Hopgood and Julio Teodoro | 2022 Music Leaders



## Interschool Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday 23 March, we enjoyed a fantastic Interschool Athletics Carnival! It was an amazing day for our athletes who represented our College with pride.

The overall results for the day provided a nail-biting finish, with Mount Gambier High School finishing the day in 1st place with 695 points, as we finished a close 2nd with 661 points. The athletes who competed should be commended on their ability to participate with such a quick turnaround from our own carnival last week.

A huge congratulations to Year 10 student, Rex Jones, as he broke a high jump record set back in 2003 (1.8m), with Rex jumping 1.93m!

As a team, we were clear contenders in each overall division. Our divisional age group placing as follows:

1st -13yr  
3rd -14yr  
1st -15yr  
3rd -16yr

A huge thank you to Tara Millard, Brad Maney, Elyse Willoughby, Chris Raymond, Sharon Adams, Lisa Goodfellow, John MacGregor and George Adamopoulos for their efforts in supporting our athletes by helping run the carnival.

## After School Study Centre

The After School Study Centre is an opportunity for senior students to develop positive study habits and seek guidance and clarification on tasks where needed, with the centre playing a pivotal role in supporting senior student learning and understanding. It is open to students every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30pm to 4:20pm and in this time teachers are available to assist students with any questions and provide them with further understanding, guiding them in the right direction with their studies.

Students also have access to Studiosity, which provides online, on-demand academic support to all students in the college. Students have access to an online tutor for all subjects at all times of the day or night, as well as have the option to submit their assignments to Studiosity for the tutor to provide feedback on, prior to submitting their work.



## Peter Combe Visits Poplars Students

On Friday the Poplars students were lucky enough to get front row seats to their very own Peter Combe concert. The concert was held on the Poplars deck and students were treated to some old favourites like Juicy Juicy Green Grass and Wash your Face with Orange Juice!

The students loved the concert and there was lots of singing along with the tunes. We would like to thank The Fringe Mount Gambier for organising this event for our students and Peter Combe for his awesome music!!

Alex Window | Poplars Coordinator



## Term 2 Winter Uniforms

Winter Uniforms are to be worn in Term 2. Please come see us in the Uniform Shop to be fitted for a new winter uniform or you can order online through our website [here](#).

Our Term 1 opening hours are:  
Tuesdays 8:00am – 12:00pm  
Thursdays 12:30pm – 4:30pm

Natalie Chisea | Perm-A-Pleat Uniform Shop



Check out the Tenison Woods College Instagram Page



## Week 9 Shine FM Podcast - Parent Teacher Interviews

Tune in to our Week 9 edition of the SHINE FM Podcast to listen to SACE Coordinator Kate Carroll provide information about Parent Teacher Interviews. Listen [here](#).



## 2022 South East Field Days Colouring-In Competition Winners

A huge thank you to everyone for entering the SE Field Days Colouring-In Competition. We are pleased to announce the below winners!

**Joint 1st Prize**  
**Harry & Jack Freckleton**

**Winners:**

- Charlotte Rogers
- Chelsea Rogers
- Hudson Rogers
- Matilda Rogers
- Harry and Fred
- Harper Rogers
- Zoe Cobiac
- Pippa Hage
- Mitchell Bowering
- Mia Versace
- Jeremy Smith

**A huge thanks to the following businesses for their generous donations of prizes.**

- J.O. Berkefeld Pty Ltd
- Green Triangle Electronics
- Bannister & Son
- Harvey Norman
- D J Interiors
- She's Apples Market Mt Gambier
- Bunnings Warehouse
- Collins Court Butcher
- Faithy Jeans

Jess Herring | PR & Events Manager

# TWILIGHT TOUR

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

TONIGHT



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)



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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.***