

Weekly Newsletter



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Harmony Day

On Thursday 31 March we celebrated Harmony Day, a day where we celebrate our cultural diversity, inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all, with students encouraged to wear a 'touch of orange' to support inclusivity.

At lunch we held a number of student-led activities around the College, with our Wellbeing Leaders, Middle School Council, Year 6 & 9 leaders pitching in to ensure all students were part of this special day.



From the Principal



Being the One During Lent, Now and For All Future Generations

Last weekend we celebrated the Fifth Sunday of Lent and then this Sunday Holy Week begins with the celebration of the Passion of the Lord or Palm Sunday as it is also called.

This period provides an opportunity to reflect on our Term 1 journey so far and give thanks for the many good things that have happened throughout the term. I have seen many examples of staff, students and parents 'Being the One' and making Lent a personal journey of renewal that is nurtured by our communal actions. Such journey starts small, but with confidence and support of those around us I am sure that we will see our commitment to being our best selves make a significant impact on those around us in a variety of ways.

Such impact has been expressed significantly through student, staff and parent efforts in relation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Campaign. The school's commitment to fundraising has been a rich expression of our community's desire to bring about change in our world. Fundraising throughout the six weeks of Lent is contributing to Project Compassion's Campaign that champions the message For All Future Generations, which throws a spotlight on our global challenge and how our aspiration for true justice, which can transform lives now, but also in the future.

Father Peter also expressed in Sunday's bulletin how symbolism in the church with the old practice of covering statues invites us to 'Be the One' during Lent. He writes:

"We're a week away from the biggest week of the liturgical year. You'll notice a pivot happens at this point and the church turns her attention more carefully toward the mission which Christ accomplishes through his suffering and death. One of the ways in which our attention is grabbed at the stage of Lent is through the old practice of veiling the statues in the church. It always gives me a bit of a jolt. It's unsettling and a little disturbing. There is a solemnity that enters the church, and the mood feels heavy."

I encourage you to read more [here](#) and see how Father Peter describes that "our eyes of faith must peer through the veil to see what Christ is accomplishing. It is through his passion that we will be transformed into saints, from the inside out."

Stay Safe Online – with Julie Inman Grant, eSafety Commissioner

Our community was invited to a critical event hosted by Tony Pasin, with Special Guest, Julie Inman Grant, Australian eSafety Commissioner on Monday, 4 April from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre.

This presentation covered what you need to know to keep you and your family safe online. This included 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.

Julie Inman Grant, Australia's, and indeed our world's, first eSafety Commissioner, invited us to think about the three most important things we would take away from the session, and the homework was to share with others those three 'takeaways.' So here is my homework, as I offer my top three:

1. Creating a culture of safety, kindness and speaking up

As adults we were urged to accentuate a culture where our young can be safe, be kind and come for help when they need it. We were urged to talk early and talk often to children when we give them a device, accentuating the privilege of having a device. We were encouraged to find a regular time to talk to children about the different online scenarios and what to do if they feel uncomfortable, and most importantly tell them they won't be in trouble if they tell us something has happened online. Underline always that no one deserves abuse.

2. Dump device denial

A family learning approach is best served by not removing the risks, such as through device denial, when things go astray, but rather helping our young to navigate confidently, in amongst the challenges they will encounter, the online environment, and helping them to take actions to remedy situations. Approaches such as device denial - send behaviour underground. What is needed are trust and conversations that surface the issue, where we normalise help seeking. In this way we will future proof our children, whatever the technology.

3. Teach our young to be upstanders not bystanders – "Be the One!"

Teach our young the critical skills to "be the one" online that confidently deals with inappropriate behavior through skills which build:

- Empathy
- Refusal skills
- Techniques to manage unwanted content
- Trust and confidence to seek support
- Nuanced understanding about giving and gaining consent
- Skills which delay or disrupt unwanted communication

In this way our young will be aware of their own behaviour and impact on others, and have confidence to be an upstander instead of a bystander, and know how, when and who to report inappropriate content using the approach:

1. Report social media bullying and inappropriate content to the social media service.
2. Collect evidence – copy URLs or take screenshots of the material.
3. Report to www.esafety.gov.au/reportcyberbullying
4. Block the person and talk to someone you trust.

For further information about the support and powers of the eSafety Commissioner please refer to: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

This is also a great guide for families, where you can learn about the latest games, apps and social media, including how to protect your information and report harmful content: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>

College on display for Twilight Tour

On Wednesday 30 March Tenison Woods College held a Twilight Tour for prospective and newly enrolled families to look through the College, and it was great to be able to offer our hospitality to these families.

Over 200 guests attended, splitting into groups to take their respective tours around the College grounds, led by students and staff members. Students impressed guests with their knowledge of the College, giving confident and in-depth answers to the curious visitors. After the tours concluded, guests returned to the Sugarloaf Cafe, where they were treated to a giftbag and a take home food pack prepared by the hospitality students and the Sugarloaf Cafe. Thank you to all the students and staff who ensured it was a successful evening. We look forward to many new faces joining our College community in 2023!

Board Annual General Meeting

Immediately following the Twilight Tour the Annual General Meeting of the Tenison Woods College Board was conducted in the Lecture Theatre of the Pam Ronan Centre, featuring a presentation from our wonderful Reception Team, who spoke about the new Reception MacKillop Community Centre and their approach to learning in the centre.

The 2021 College Board was formally installed, and I look forward to the efforts of the following people on behalf of our community:

2022 Board

Continuing Members:

- Peter Collins (Chair)
- Bert Prospero-Porta (Deputy Chair)
- Lisa Hogan (Treasurer)
- Jim Cornolo
- Matthew Gazzard
- Aleathia Holland
- Peter Holmes
- Domenica Dunn (ELCC Representative)
- Laura Herbert (Staff representative)
- Amy Turnbull (Staff representative)

New Members:

- Peta Baverstock
- Linda Carter-Shepherd
- Chris Ind
- Jennie Sanderson (Parish Pastoral Council Representative)

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

COVID-19 Update and HHDL Success

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 59 cases spread across several classes within the school, with most cases in Years 7, 9 and 10. Six staff also contracted COVID-19 during the past week. 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 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.

God Bless,
David Mezinec | Principal

CIM Team News



Project Compassion Fundraising

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, Project Compassion draws to a close, we thank all staff, students and families who have given generously to this appeal for Caritas through fundraising at school, in classes or in homes. We ask that Project Compassion boxes please be returned to the College as soon as possible.

Anyone wishing to make an online donation or to donate what is in their box electronically is encouraged to go to the Tenison Woods College page on the Caritas fundraising page [here](#).

Faith Facts

Did you know the answer to last week's question:
Have you ever wondered why Holy Week is important to Christians?

Holy Week is the last week of Lent when Christians remember the final days of Jesus' life. It is followed by Good Friday when Christians remember Jesus' death on the cross. Please listen to this weeks podcast [here](#) where I talk about this further.

Palm Sunday

This year, Palm Sunday is celebrated on Sunday, 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.

A Slavery Free Easter

As we make our way towards the Easter season, our supermarket shelves are full of chocolate eggs. It is estimated that this Easter, Australians will spend over \$200 million in chocolate to consume and give away. Whilst we love to indulge in chocolate at this time of year, some of the chocolate that we purchase

has been produced using the forced labour of children, often in the regions of West Africa. Our Catholic Social Teachings tell us that each human has inherent dignity and worth, and we are called to work in solidarity with others towards a more just world.

As you consider your Easter egg purchases in the coming week, we encourage you to purchase and eat slavery free chocolate and be assured that it has not been produced using the forced labour of children. Slavery free chocolate is chocolate that is certified. Look for chocolate with one of the following logos on it – Fairtrade, UTZ or Rainforest Alliance.



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.

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 | Religion Education Coordinator

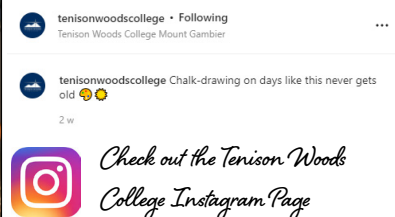


Old Scholar Tamara Crittenden Achieves Success!

Old Scholar, Tamara Crittenden (nee Height), is enjoying a Research Assistant role at Flinders Medical Centre.

Tamara completed her secondary education at our College, before completing her degree in Medical Research at Flinders. Tamara has gone on to complete her Philosophy Doctorate since and is currently working as a Research Assistant at Flinders Medical Centre.

Great work, Tamara!



Leader's Latest



Hi everyone! Our names are Ethan Hopgood and Julio Teodoro, and we are your Music Leaders for 2022.

Ensemble rehearsals are back in motion after a delayed start where we were not allowed to rehearse in any type of music ensemble until Week 5 due to Covid restrictions. With our music students from Year 1 to Year 12 now all immersed in their rehearsals hopefully you will hear more from them soon via a performance or two!

In Week 8 our three Senior Choirs and Big Band participated in the annual Music Camp; an event that is looked forward to by our music students. However, Music Camp 2022 couldn't be a traditional camp this year on account of Covid restrictions. This year saw a two-day excursion to the Wehl Street Theatre in which students in Generations in Jazz ensembles practiced and came together for a couple of group activities. Students had the chance to rehearse with their ensembles, watch others rehearse, as well as socialise and strengthen friendship groups across a range of student ages from Year 7 to Year 12.

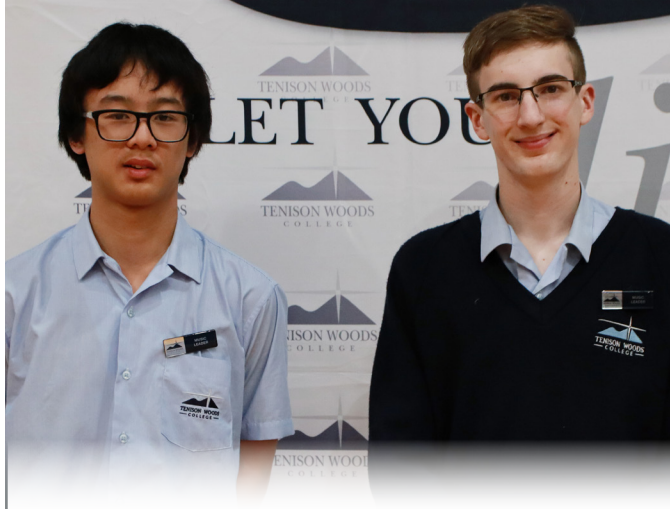
On the first day, students were assigned teams and participated in a quiz, with the incredibly thought out name of "Team 2" winning the quiz and walking away with a large block of chocolate each and some major bragging rights. A huge thank you to staff and students alike that helped out with and attended the Intensive Rehearsal days, with a special mention going to the Friends of Music committee for covering some of the costs associated with the excursion!

Thunder Drum Corps recently put their talents on display for the annual Twilight Tour and provided an open rehearsal to everyone within hearing distance. A demonstration brass lesson and saxophone duets also gave the visiting families a taste of the variety of talents of our music students. Upcoming performances will see our Generations In Jazz ensembles recording their competition pieces for a virtual GIJ festival. This is an event that is always looked forward to by the music team.

During Week 9, students from the Year 5/6 Blaze Choir participated in a livestreamed workshop that included many schools from the region and was an amazing experience for all. This event assisted the choir in preparation for the South East Primary Schools' Music Festival in Term 4 at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. We are positive it will leave a lasting impression upon both the students and audience.

We look forward to performing for you all soon!

Julio Teodoro and Ethan Hopgood | Music Leaders



Key Dates

Friday 8 April

Year 7/8 Hockey Session at Blue Lake Sports Park - 1:40pm - 3:20pm
Year 3 - 6 Assembly - 2:05pm - 2:35pm
Reception - Year 2 Assembly - 2:40pm - 3:10pm

Tuesday 12 April

Year 10 PLP Session 4 - 2:00pm - 3:20pm

Wednesday 13 April

Year 10 PLP Session 4 - 8:55am - 12:40pm
Whole School Assembly - 12:40pm - 1:20pm



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. If possible students in Years 7 and 9 should provide their own plug in headphones for the testing next term.

Demonstration tests are also available to complete [here](#) if you wish to increase your familiarity with the type of questions asked.

Any concerns or questions can be directed to your child's Home Group teacher or directly to me as Online Assessment Coordinator at my email: lloyd@tenison.catholic.edu.au

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



SA Country Basketball State Teams Announced!

Several students have been named as a part of the SA Country Basketball U16 state teams recently announced.

The teams will participate against other states in the upcoming U16 National Championships being held from Sunday 3 July to Sunday 10 July, at the Warwick Stadium in Perth, Western Australia. Congratulations everyone!

L-R:

Oscar Marr-McGuire, Henry Pedler (reserve), Will Wimshurst, Macca Burke (reserve)

Absent:

Edie Easterby, Jedd Tranter - Jedd has recently moved to Adelaide, but was a part of the Tenison High Performance sports program for the previous two years.

ICAS (international Competitions and Assessments for Schools) 2022

Tenison Woods College students have the opportunity to participate in the online ICAS Assessments in 2022. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Every student receives a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

The assessments are suitable for Year 2 to Year 12 students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. ICAS Assessments are online as this allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

Student registration is done through the ICAS Assessments parent payment system (PPS). Through this system parents can pay for ICAS directly online. Please use the details [here](#), to register your child no later than July 10, 2022. The dates for each assessment are also in this letter, along with the prices. Additionally, a permission slip must be completed and returned to Chris Lloyd at Tenison Woods no later than August 1 2022. This permission slip is at the end of the information document.

If you require any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at the College or through email on lloyd@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

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



South East Primary Schools Music Festival

Students from the Year 5/6 Blaze Choir attended a 2-hour choir workshop with Adelaide based Primary Schools' Music Festival Director of Music, Robyn Filmer.

This valuable workshop assisted the Blaze Choir in their preparation for the South East Primary Schools' Music Festival held in Term 4 at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. Beth Creedy and Sarah Raymond are busy teaching the songs to the choir members each week in rehearsals.

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts

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To find out how to get the most out of your Studiosity account click [here](#) to find out more.

Scott Dickson | Director of Learning



Check out the Tenison Woods College Facebook Page



Uniform Shop Trading Hours

We will be open as usual in Week 11:
Tuesday 8:00am – 12pm
Thursday 12:30pm – 4:30pm

During the school holidays, we will be open during the second week.
Tuesday 26 April: 8:00am – 12:00pm
Thursday 28 April: 9:00am – 12:00pm and 12:30pm – 4:30pm

Please come give us a visit to get fitted for your winter uniforms!

Thank you!

Perm-A-Pleat Uniform Shop





Keelie Lindner Receives Major Award!

Congratulations to Year 11 student, Keelie Lindner, as she has been awarded the Maureen Lane memorial award, which is the 'Junior Club Person' award for the Millicent Basketball Association!

Great work, Keelie!

Photos courtesy of Millicent District International Basketball Association



Employment Opportunities

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

We are seeking suitably qualified staff for the following positions commencing on or around Monday, 2 May 2022.

- Inclusive Education ESO
- Front Office Administration ESO (Terms 2 and 3 of 2022)

For further information and Position Information Documents, please click [here](#). Applications close 4:00PM Tuesday, 26 April 2022.



Week 10 Shine FM Podcast - Holy Week

Tune in to our Week 10 edition of the SHINE FM Podcast, which centres around Holy Week. This week's edition is hosted by Chloe Shanahan and Scott Dickson.

Listen here: <https://bit.ly/3Jc5gde>



KESAB Award Ceremony

On Monday 4 April at the KESAB (Keep South Australia Beautiful) Awards ceremony, Tenison Woods College was awarded the KESAB Hall of Fame - Innovation Award for its ongoing initiatives within the community. "Tenison Wood College is pushing the limits of what schools can do to become more sustainable". - Jo Hendrikx, Wipe Out Waste Education Officer. The College was also a recipient of 'Sustainable School of the Year' at the 2018 KESAB Awards ceremony. The award is great validation of the work our community is doing in the space of moving toward our goal of zero waste by 2025.

Well done to all our hardworking students, Enviro Leaders, staff and families.

Tom Linnell | Early Years to Year 12 Sustainability Coordinator

South-East Cross-Country Championships

The 36th South-East Cross-Country Championships will be held at Naracoorte Primary School on Friday 20 May. The course will be run in the Naracoorte Conservation Park adjacent to the school and will run the following events:

- 1300m – Years 8 – 9 Boys and Girls
- 1800m – Year 10 Boys and Girls
- 2500m – Year 11 – 12 Boys and Girls

Competitors must run in their age event. For example, a boy who is currently 9 but turns 10 years old at any time this year will run in the Year 10 Boys event.

Tenison Woods College have been asked to supply two parent helpers for the day who can assist with marshalling – if this interests you, please let me know.

There is a small fee attached to the day, as well as an entry fee of \$5.00 and a bus fee, which we won't know until closer to the day (it will be added to school fees).

Any questions, please email me at oppet@tenison.catholic.edu.au

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator



Lost Property Items

There is currently a lot of lost property sitting on a table in the Front Office. There is in excess of 30 school hats, shoes, jumpers, drink bottles, cricket pads and lots more!

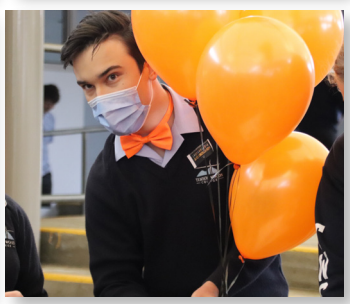
Please call into the Front Office and check if anything belongs to your child.

Trudi Dempsey | WHS Coordinator

Twilight Tour



Harmony Day





New to your school's Studiosity service in 2022: What is Citation Assist?

How we are partnering with high school teachers to build academic and integrity skills, for Year 12 completion, further education, and employment.

1. Integrity is a global concern.

Ownership, attribution, and evidence-based ideas are now receiving even more attention in education. Over the past five years tertiary institutions have shifted from just detecting plagiarism, to offering positive intervention and prevention as well. These policies gained momentum after the 2020 academic integrity legislation passed by the Australian Government.

2. The secondary education sector has been proactive.

Schools adopted a more formative approach to feedback and assessment many years prior – for learning and teaching outcomes, and to adequately prepare students for success in higher education.

3. That's why we developed a new feature for Studiosity high school services.

In consult with Australian educators we developed 'Citation Assist,' which reviews a student's written draft for instances where referencing can be improved.

4. Citation Assist offers students early opportunities to learn about citations and to work on their own referencing during the draft writing process.

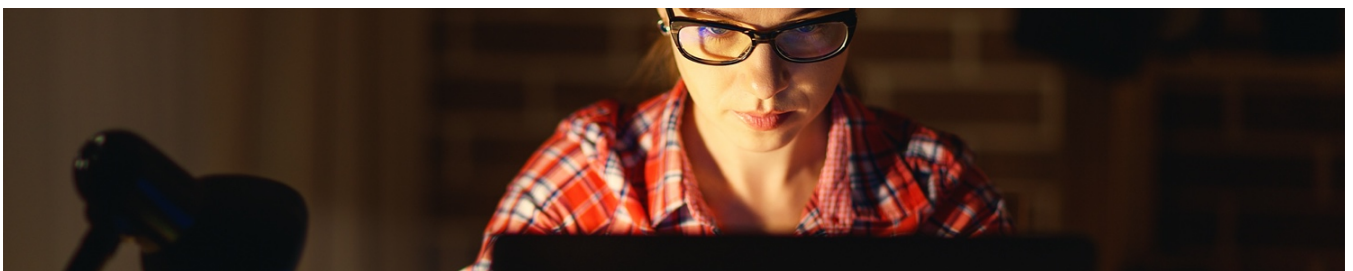
Citation Assist is seamlessly contained within the core Writing Feedback service that your students already use. When students submit a draft for feedback, Citation Assist will check the file for potential matches to other text available online.

5. In 2022, Citation Assist will be free for selected schools.

For our existing school partners, we are including the new service free, to support all current students and teachers.

"Inadvertent plagiarism constitutes the vast majority of breaches of academic integrity, and Citation Assist is a welcome innovation that addresses the issue via enhanced and developmental student support."

Professor Tracey Bretag, Founding Editor of the International Journal for Educational Integrity



CALLING ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS!!!

If you have any sports equipment or sports shoes not being used please donate them to the

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY 12th 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.