

Weekly Newsletter



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STUDENT FREE DAYS
Thursday 14 April and Monday 2 May

Acknowledging Holy Week

For Tenison Woods College and the Catholic community, Easter is the most significant event on the Church calendar and a time of reflection. *"I am really looking forward to this special time as we gather to mark the death and resurrection of Jesus. This year, as a parish, we are excited to welcome three new members to the Catholic community at the Easter Saturday Vigil. These people will celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion after preparation in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program. We look forward to warmly welcoming them into full communion with the Church."* - Chloe Shanahan

This week, students of Tenison Woods College focused on the themes of Holy Week. They have done this through praying the Stations of the Cross - commemorating the last steps of Jesus on Good Friday. Students have also partaken in Project Compassion fundraisers since the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday).



Paschal candles to light up Easter

Year 5 students Jenit Jenni and Caitlin Mugavin are the winners of this year's Paschal Candle design competition, run by the Catholic Identity and Mission (CIM) team here at Tenison Woods College. Designing an artwork to appear on the sacred Paschal candles, is just one activity students take part in during the Lenten period and reiterates the meaning of Easter and why it is such a significant time for Catholics. Year 5 students were invited to create a watercolour artwork representing the Eucharistic community to which they are a part of.

Jenit's candle will be used in the Tenison Woods College community and Caitlin's will be used at St Paul's Church and will be lit for the first time at the Easter Vigil Mass this coming Saturday.

For Catholics, the Paschal candle is a powerful symbol of a pillar of fire and a reminder that "Christ is our Light".

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator

From the Principal



Being the One During Holy Week – A Celebration of Life and Love

Last weekend we celebrated Palm Sunday, the Passion of the Lord and the beginning of Holy Week.

The Easter Triduum (a period of three days' observance, specifically Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. We remember the night before his suffering and death when Jesus gathered to celebrate the Passover Meal with his apostles.

The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning are celebrated in our churches across the region and in the afternoon we celebrate the Lord's Passion in both St Paul's and St Alphonsus' churches. We are reminded that Good Friday is a day of both abstinence (refraining from eating meat) and fasting (eating less food).

There is no Mass on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil in the afternoon. At our Masses on Easter Sunday, we renew our Baptisms and are blessed with the Easter water before receiving Holy Communion.

These celebrations of Holy Week help us acknowledge our own share in sin and seek the forgiveness and healing of Jesus. In the words of Pope Francis we are called to "a renewed personal encounter with Christ. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ, joy is constantly born anew."

Being the One at Easter

In the vein of Being the One, our theme this year as a College community, there is no better example than the Easter story.

Our Catholic faith affirms the way Jesus 'became the one.' The eternal Son of God became a baby, became a carpenter, and the people who knew him growing up could not accept that the divine could live in such a person.

And then He did all that he did so that others may 'be the ones' to accept the invitation of our God. Jesus takes ordinary people; fishermen and tax collectors and tradesmen, and gives them authority over evil spirits. They are able to preach, drive out demons, and heal many sick people. Part of what Jesus came to do is to invite us to an appreciation of a reality beyond what we know in this world. Not that they became divine, but that He shared His authority with them, working through them to do more than they could do in their own power.

In the same way, God lives in us by His Holy Spirit. He helps us in our ordinary lives do greater things by being the ones to accept God's love and invitation to a relationship with our God. Father Peter reflects on how we might be present to this invitation during Holy Week, in his Parish Bulletin reflection, and I invite you to consider his provocations to us all. Please click [here](#) to read further.

Easter Joy and Easter Eggs

In all our Easter Masses we are invited to renew our Baptismal Promises. Here we symbolically die with Christ so as to rise with him to new life. At this time, we consciously and deliberately renew our commitment to Christ and his way of life as we renew our Baptisms.

I remind the College community that we are in the season of Lent right up until Easter Sunday (April 17) and as such we do not give out Easter Eggs prior to this time. From Easter Sunday we are in the season of Easter for 50 days which gives us more than enough time to hand out Easter Eggs and celebrate the joy of Easter.

End of Term Gratitude

This final newsletter for Term one provides an opportunity to reflect on the journey and give thanks for the many good things that have happened throughout the term. I congratulate students on their commitment to school life, which has been evident in application to learning experiences, school events and class activities.

I have seen many examples of staff, students and parents prepared to 'Be the One' and in doing that commencing to realise, or be present, to their own talents and then indeed the talents of our community. Such journey starts small, but with confidence and support of those around us I am confident that we will see our commitment to 'Be the One' to serve others make a significant communal 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 one rich expression of our community's desire to assist those in need now and For All Future Generations.

The groundwork established in Term 1 will provide a very good foundation for students to build upon in Term 2. I trust students will find time this week to thank staff members for their work and parents for their support throughout the term.

Celebrating The Ordination of Father Olek Stirrat

During our third instalment of our virtual assembly, screened this morning, Sarah Taylor, our Senior Mission Leader and Sari Mutton, our Senior Wellbeing Leader presented the College's gift to Father Olek Stirrat on his recent priestly ordination. You can view the virtual assembly [here](#).

And what does every beginning Priest need, but a priestly survival kit. Staff and students across the school gave suggestions about what should be in the survival kit, given how they understood the ministry of a priest. From the discerning, to the humorous, to the cheeky, Mrs Shanahan and Mrs Brookes along with the Catholic Identity and Mission Team, assembled all these suggestions together to make a deluxe survival kit for Father Olek.

We trust the survival kit from Tenison Woods College will do its job when needed, but will also be a source of inspiration, a sign of our love, and a commitment of our support for our brand new priest.



COVID-19 Update and HHDL Success

As we move into Week 11, I am delighted with our success in minimising the risk of COVID-19 in our College community.

Similar to Week 9, last week (Week 10) we noted 57 cases spread across several classes within the school, with most cases in Years 5, 7 and 9. Six staff also contracted COVID-19 during the past week. 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 last month.

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.

We wait on government advice in relation to the wearing of masks at school in term 2.

God Bless,
David Meziniec | Principal

Key Dates

Thursday 14 April

Holy Thursday
Student Free Day

Friday 15 April

Good Friday - Public Holiday

Tuesday 3 May

Term 2 Begins

Wednesday 4 May

SAPSASA District Athletics Day
MFS Road Awareness Program - Year 11

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](#).

A Slavery Free Easter

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.

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



Poplars Students Make a Difference

Middle Poplars students have been visiting Port MacDonnell to help clean up the beach. With the glass they found, they were able to help the environment and create these beautiful octopus and fish mosaics.

These are part of a series of local wildlife artworks. As the year progresses, students will be adding more mosaics, all made from collected glass.

Alex Window | Poplars Coordinator



Students accepted into UniSA Accelerate Program!

Year 12 students, Jess Tresidder and Ariella Holland, have been accepted into the University of South Australia's Accelerate program!

New in 2022, the program enables students who are interested in pursuing a career in business to start studying university subjects in their final year of school. Successful completion of the program also guarantees an early place in a business degree at the University. Not only do students obtain study credits towards their chosen degree, but subjects will count towards their SACE and ATAR.

Both Ariella and Jess will study two subjects, commencing this month. They will start with 'Marketing Principles: Trading and Exchange'. They have a strong business focus, with Jess running a very successful online business making and selling personalised key chains, while Ariella is currently completing a Certificate III in Business through her Traineeship with Ashlee Lauren (AEL.ESTE).

It is anticipated that the program will be offered more widely to Year 12 students next year.

Outstanding work, Jess and Ariella!



Maixence Williams Musical Success

Congratulations to our Year 12 student Maixence Williams for successfully auditioning for the Gondwana National Choirs 2022 season with Artistic Director, Lyn Williams AM.

Maixence has been offered a place in Season 4, Voices of Angels and will perform in the Sydney Opera House in December.

Maixence is taught by Mrs Jodi Swiggs.

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts

Leader's Latest



Hi everyone!

Our names are Emmy and Louis and we are your Year 6 Student Leaders for 2022.

The Junior School has been involved in many events and activities in the last part of the Term 1. The Year 6 students have enjoyed working on personal leadership skills as leaders of the Junior School in a specifically designed program run by Di Chambers and Mr Gannon. We have learnt about what makes a good leader, grounding and breathing techniques, understanding our strengths and our abilities in order to grow our confidence to all be leaders. We now look forward to Year 6 students having the opportunity to be trained as Peer Mentors for the junior school.

The Years 3-6 Sports Day was a particular highlight for students. We enjoyed the warm weather and striving for our personal bests. We thank our Founder Leaders for all their encouragement and leading us in the house chants and Mrs Opperman in particular for all of her organisation in such a wonderful day.

The Junior School students have enjoyed whole school events such as Harmony Day and Caritas K's. We have particularly liked meeting with future parents and students of Tenison Woods College through the Twilight Tours and Lucindale Field Day events. Thank you to the PR Team for helping organise and run these fantastic events to showcase our wonderful College.

We look forward to the year ahead and supporting the College community in many different ways. Have a great Easter and safe holidays!

Emmy Jeffrey and Louis Fritsche | Year 6 Student Leaders



Jess Snell Trainee of the Year

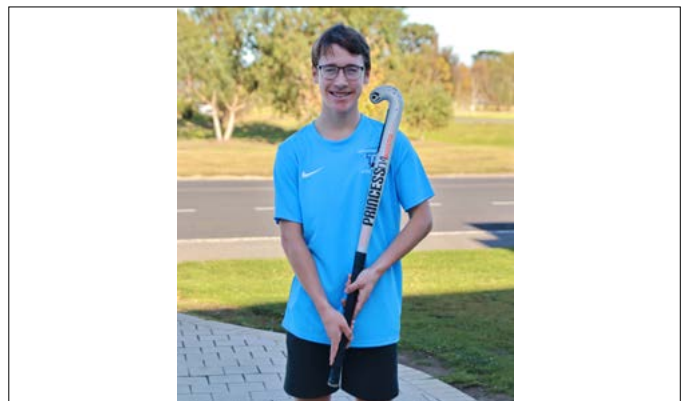
2021 Public Relations, Marketing and Events Trainee, Jess Snell, has recently been announced as winner of the Group Training Employment (GTE) Trainee of the Year Award!

Jess completed her Traineeship at the College in 2021 and was an exemplary member of staff. Jess' approachable nature, high level of organisation and the leadership she displayed in her role allowed her to assist both staff and students to a very high level.

Jess always went above and beyond in her role and is a very deserving recipient of this award. Congratulations Jess! An outstanding example of 'Making the Ordinary Extraordinary' in 2021.

Pictured is GTE Field Officer Charlie Matthews, College HR Officer Mary de Nys, Jess Snell, PR, Marketing and Events Coordinator Emma Herring, GTE Field Officer Kyle Gleed.

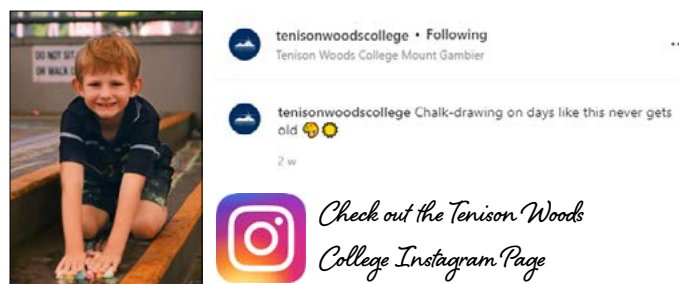
Photo courtesy of Group Training Employment.



Rhys Earle Represents the SA U15 Hockey Team!

Congratulations to Year 10 student, Rhys Earle, who has been selected to represent the South Australia U15 boys hockey team!

Rhys is to compete against other states at the 2022 U15 Nationals in Newcastle, NSW, over the next few weeks. Well done and best of luck, Rhys!





Auskick Sessions Back!

The Tenison Woods College Auskick Centre will operate in Term 2 of 2022.

The sessions will be run on Tuesday Afternoons (3:30pm - 4:15pm) starting Tuesday 10 May and concluding on Tuesday 28 June on the Tenison Woods College Oval.

The after-school sessions will only be available to students who are ages 5 or 6 as local football clubs host Auskick sessions for the older children, with the aim of getting them to play Saturday/Sunday morning football when eligible.

The Year 10 Football Academy students will be running these sessions, however we encourage mums and dads to help out each week.

Click [here](#) to register.

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator



Academy of Hospitality Cook for Sunset Kitchen

Year 10 Academy of Hospitality students recently produced meals for Sunset Community Kitchen, cooking 200 serves of pasta bolognaise, roasted vegetables and meatballs for distribution through the facility.

The meals will provide an extension to the standard provision of meals on Monday and Wednesday evenings, the serves will be frozen and shared with clients to assist with meals on days when the Sunset Community Kitchen is not operating. Students have used the opportunity to serve others in their community, whilst also accessing produce grown in the school garden, adding an extra dimension of connection between the College and Sunset Kitchen.

Thank you to our VET Hospitality students for their efforts under the guidance of chef Jenny Vanikiotis in the Sugarloaf kitchen. Congratulations on your participation in supporting our community and 'Being The One' who can make a difference.



Check out the Tenison Woods College Facebook Page



Uniform Shop Trading Hours

We welcome new staff members Kylie Watson and Alana Creek to the Perm-A-Pleat team!

We will be open as usual in Week 11:
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 and visit to get fitted for your winter uniforms!

Perm-A-Pleat Uniform Shop

SAPSASA Football

After a lengthy trial process with over 80 boys, we congratulate the following boys from Tenison Woods College for making the Lower South East SAPSASA football team:

- Isaac Salmon
- Xavier Hunter
- Patrick Sigley
- Titan Dumigan
- Lucas Johnson
- Henry Kentish
- Banjo Stephens
- Joel Clayfield

In addition, we congratulate Molly Opperman for making the girls Lower South East SAPSASA football team. We wish them the best of luck in Adelaide in Week 5 of Term 2.

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator



Reception Nature Prayer

Tuesday 12 April Vicki Glead's Reception class spent time in the Indigenous garden with Year 12 student Travis Ind.

Travis led the students through some reflection time in nature, with students giving thanks for God's wonderful creation. The students enjoyed participating in a prayerful scavenger hunt before reflecting upon what they appreciated most about the world that they live in.

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator

Buddies Kite Flying!

Year 12's and their Reception buddies took to the oval to fly kites together! It was a great way for them to form deeper connections with each other!



Last Day of Term



Students were all smiles around the College today for their last day of Term 1!



Principal's TOUR

TUESDAY
10 MAY
9:00AM

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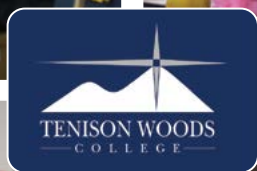
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2023 Year 7 Middle School Information Evenings Naracoorte and Mount Gambier



Monday 9 May, 7:15pm
Naracoorte Town Hall

Wednesday 11 May, 7:00pm.
Tenison Woods College,
Mount Gambier.

We invite all prospective 2023 Year 7 students and families to join us at either our Naracoorte or Mount Gambier information nights. Meet the Head of Middle School, Mr. Nick Patzel, key staff, 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 Wangá Learning Community.



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Stuck? Here's how to get *unstuck* tonight (and the rest of Term).*

THIS WEEK

WRITING FEEDBACK:
"Hi - can I have some feedback on my essay?"

WEEK 2

CONNECT LIVE:
"Hi. I'm trying to prove that if two opposite sides of a cyclic quadrilateral are equal, then the other two sides are parallel, but it's not working out."

WEEK 3

WRITING FEEDBACK:
"I have a draft of my speech, but it's too long for the 5 minute limit, can you give me some feedback on it?"

WEEK 4

CONNECT LIVE:
"Hi I really need help with question 16 part B!"

WEEK 6

WRITING FEEDBACK:
"Ok, I'm pretty happy with it now, but always get anxious about my referencing before I submit."

WEEK 5

WRITING FEEDBACK:
"Hello, I would like some feedback on this essay (mainly pg 4) and also ways to improve it! Is my sentence structure correct? Do my ideas flow well?"



* Warning: May result in feelings of confidence about study; side effects may include happy parents and happy teachers!

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