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Weekly Newsletter

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STUDENT FREE DAYS
Thursday 9 and Friday 10 of June



Australia Day Tour of Honour 2022



A huge thank you to *Australia Day in South Australia* for blessing us with 5 incredible guest speakers, as part of the *Australian of the Year Tour of Honour 2022*. Our Year 12 cohort as well as our Student Leaders were treated to an exclusive forum, with each Australian of the Year Award recipient answering questions and sharing inspiration and insight into their individual journeys and passions.



Be The One at Tenison Woods College

From the Principal



National Reconciliation Week – Be Brave. Make Change

Beginning this Friday 27 May, National Sorry Day, through to 3 June members of faith communities across Australia are encouraged to offer prayers for reconciliation between Indigenous and other Australians. The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2022 is, "Be Brave. Make Change," is a challenge to all Australians; individuals, families, communities, organisations and government; to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians.

Last year Reconciliation Australia encouraged all Australians to take action, not just in National Reconciliation Week but every week of the year. This year they are asking us all to make change beginning with brave actions in our daily lives – where we live, work, play and socialise.

This is poignant for our College community as we live this year's theme of "Be the One" – an invitation to be the one to step up, to be the one to put yourself 'out there,' be the one to be an upstander not a bystander, and to be the one to make a difference for others.

National Day of Healing or Sorry Day (26th May) commemorates the anniversary of the tabling in 1997 of HREOC's Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their families, Bringing Them Home.

National Reconciliation Week occurs from 27 May to 3 June each year, as these two dates mark important anniversaries in Australia's history. On 27th May 1967, Australians passed a referendum that removed clauses from the Australian Constitution which discriminated against Indigenous Australians. On 3 June 1992, the High Court agreed with the position put in the Mabo case, that Australia had been occupied prior to European settlement, and as such, certain rights to native title were preserved by the Indigenous population. These two historic steps forwarded the recognition of Indigenous Australians and their rights, as they both reversed previously held beliefs.

Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of reconciliation is the relationship between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To foster positive race relations, our relationship must be grounded in a foundation of truth. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have long called for a comprehensive process of truth-telling about Australia's colonial history. Our nation's past is reflected in the present and will continue to play out in future unless we heal historical wounds.

National Reconciliation Week, 27 May to 3 June, is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

2022 Australia Day Tour of Honour – Inspiring Tenison Woods College
We were delighted to partner with the Australia Day Council in bringing five amazing recipients of the Australian of the Year Awards. On Thursday 19 May the College hosted an event for year 12's, our student leaders and then an evening event for the Mount Gambier community at 5:15pm.

The community was invited to an evening of inspiration as we heard from:

- Bernie Shakeshaft, Australian Recipient Local Hero 2020 – Founder of BackTrack Youth Works Program.
- Professor Helen Marshall AM, SA State Recipient Australian of the Year 2022, Vaccination researcher
- Dr Trudy Lin, SA State Recipient Young Australian of the Year 2022, Special needs dentistry consultant.
- Mark Le Messurier, SA State Recipient Senior Australian of the Year 2022, Educator, counsellor and author.
- Monique Bareham, SA State Recipient Local Hero 2022 - Lymphoedema Advocate and Leader.

As we welcomed our distinguished South Australians who have seen a need and responded with commitment, clarity of vision and a desire to make a better world we reflected on our College motto, "Let your Light Shine" and our College theme this year "Be the One."

Attendance – The First Step – Duty of Care

The way Tenison Woods College cares for each learner commences with its diligence in relation to school attendance. That is not only because each child or adolescent matters unequivocally, but also because the College has a significant legal obligation to accurately record student attendance. As such our collaborative approach with carers and parents in relation to this issue is foundational to our partnership.

As such:

If a student is absent, parents/carers are asked to either,

- (1) call the absentee phone line on 8724 4659 and leave a message;
or
- (2) send a text message to 0429 134 568;
or
- (3) provide an email to their Pastoral Care teacher stating the child's name, their homegroup, and the reason they are away for the day.

- Students must sign in at the school office using the Kiosk (R-6 at the Front Office, 7-9 Middle School Student Office & 10-12 at the Pam Ronan Centre) if they arrive at school after 8.45am.
- If a student needs to leave early, parent communication to the College is required to confirm arrangements, prior to signing out at the Kiosk.
- If a student is to be absent from school for a one-week period or more, a pre-arranged exemption form is to be completed and forwarded to the Principal for approval.
- An SMS will be sent from (0429 134 568) if a parental call has not been made, to confirm absence and also to provide an opportunity to confirm a reason for a student's absence.

Masks in Schools

I reiterate the settings for schools in South Australia, which will complement our continuing deliberate and careful HHDL Strategy in Term 2. New rules with respect to masks in schools and early childhood settings take effect from the beginning of Week 5 on Monday 30 May.

While masks remain strongly recommended for staff/visitors and Year 3-12 students in school and early childhood settings, from Week 5 masks are only required to be worn in two specific circumstances as follows:

1. Where there have been 10 or more COVID-19 positive cases in one home room class over 7 days.
2. Where there have been 5 or more COVID-19 positive cases in 5 or more home room classes (which will reflect that 5 home room classes in one school have been recommended to PCR test) over 7 days.

Where either of these thresholds is reached, for a period of 14 days, secondary school students (not primary school students) and all adults (staff and visitors) will be required to wear masks in that specific class in Scenario 1 and across the whole school or early childhood setting in Scenario

Asymptomatic close contacts are required to take five Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) over seven days and wear a mask when leaving home. To access free RATs, close contacts must register [here](#) and nominate on the form the collection point from which they will collect a free pack of RATs.

Close contacts who develop symptoms are still required to get a PCR test and isolate until a negative result is received.

Parents are permitted to enter school grounds and classrooms. Though parent meetings/events may generally resume as usual, schools should continue to hold parent meetings/events online where this can reasonably occur (such as for most parent teacher interviews).

I thank you in anticipation for your attention to our HHDL Four Point Plan; good Health, good Hygiene and hand washing, good Distancing and care for others and good Learning regardless of student location.

During term 2, the health and wellbeing of students, families and staff remain our priority. We will continue to ensure that our school is a safe environment, maintaining the additional cleaning regime, which was commenced in 2020, accentuating natural ventilation, minimising movement and visitors within the school, and maintaining Subschool delineation as much as is possible to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission across the College community

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!

Parish Planned Giving Rebate

I remind families that parents contributing to the Parish Planned Giving may claim a rebate from Tuition Fees of 50% of their contribution up to a maximum claim of \$750. Official Parish receipts are to be presented to the Finance Department after the 30 June 2022 for a deduction to be made.

EV-12 Staff Professional Development Days – 9 and 10 June

Early Years to Year 12 Staff are looking forward to the staff professional development days on Thursday 9 and Friday 10 June, when they will devote time to literacy experiences in the Junior School, Integrated curriculum in the Middle School, Student Agency in the Senior School, as well as evolving further our wellbeing approach at the school, focusing on our response to attachment issues and trauma. Early Learning Centre Staff will devote time to their significant whole staff inquiry in relation to communication with parents, in addition to the College's wellbeing focus. Education Support Officers will also be involved in the two days, which will additionally offer all staff the opportunity to refine their SEQTA Learning Management skills.

I trust students and parents will experience the benefits of the days through our service to students and families throughout the College. I remind families that these days are student-free days for both the ELCC and the R-12 College.

God Bless,
David Meziniec | Principal

CIM Team News



Faith Facts

Did you know the answer to last week's question? "Have you ever wondered why Mary is an important figure for Catholic people?"

Mary is the mother of Jesus. She loved and cared for him throughout his life. People pray to Mary for God's help.

Do you know the answer to this week's question? Find out the answer in next week's newsletter.



Laudato Si' Week

Laudato Si' Week honours the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on Care for Our Common Home. The theme of the week is "Listening and Journeying Together." This week launches a year-long journey of transformation, as we grow through the crisis of the current moment by praying, reflecting, and preparing together for a better world to come tomorrow. It has been wonderful to move throughout the College and see students engaging in prayer and hands-on activities within the Project Recology space as they consider their personal call to action within our local and global community. Following Pope Francis' invitation to join Laudato Si' Week, Catholics everywhere will reflect and prepare for action from 22-29 May. For further information and for links to resources and seminars, please click [here](#).

Gospel of the Liturgical Year: Luke – the themes within the Gospel

Last week we discovered that Luke's Gospel is on a journey and written for the wealthier members of the region around Antioch. There are several themes present throughout the Gospel that Luke wanted his audience to discover, which I will explore over the coming weeks. One theme present is about salvation. Luke knew that Jesus was the saviour of all people and follows Jesus' family tree back to Adam in the book of Genesis. One story in the Gospel

that highlights salvation is the story of the Good Samaritan (a man who was an outcast from living outside the regions of Jerusalem and Jericho) being a hero and model of mercy towards those who suffer.

Sacramental Preparation Program

A reminder that families involved in the program must attend Family Session C, TOMORROW, Thursday 26 May, at either 4:30 - 5:45pm or 6:45 - 8:00pm at St Paul's Hall.

Year 11 Q&A Panel

On Monday, our Year 11 students engaged with a panel about the topics of community, justice and diversity that forms the beginnings of their first assessment task for this term. The panel consisted of Sue Watt, manager of ac.Care, Fr Olek Stirrat, Matthew Glynn, teacher at Tenison Woods College, and Mariam Kassim, Year 12 student at Tenison Woods College, who shared their insights about their work in the local community, how they work to solve injustices, and how they hope to bring about change in the way that people engage with their local communities. We thank the panel for their willingness to deepen our students understanding of their place in the world as young citizens.



Term 2 Masses in the College Chapel

Mass is celebrated each Thursday of the term and is led by a different class or year level each week. Mass begins at 9:15am in the College Chapel. Until further notice, due to current restrictions, only staff members and students of the College are permitted to attend.

The roster for Term 2 Masses:

Week 4	Thursday 26 May – Year 12
Week 5	Thursday 2 June – Year 8 Friday 3 June – Year 5
Week 6	No Mass – Student Free Day
Week 7	Thursday 16 June – Year 9 Friday 17 June – Year 4
Week 8	Whole School Mass
Week 9	Thursday 30 June – Year 11
Week 10	Thursday 7 July – Year 7

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator

Key Dates

Thursday 26 May

- National Sorry Day
- Sacrament Family Session C - 6:45pm - 8:00pm

Friday 27 May

- Year 5 Tree Planting with Bird Life Australia Excursion - 9:30am - 2:30pm
- Year 3-6 Assembly 2:05pm
- R-Year 2 Assembly 2:40pm

Monday 30 May

- National Reconciliation Week
- Whole School Virtual Assembly
- Year 2A Blue Lake Aquifer Excursion



Year 11 HPE Tennis Excursion

On Thursday 19 May, Year 11 HPE students enjoyed a trip to the Reidy Park Tennis Courts, filming their excursion as part of an upcoming assessment.

District Athletics Day Results

The District Athletics Day was held this term at Mt Gambier High School. Official results are in and we are pleased to share this information with you:

9 Year Old Boys:

- Finn McEachern 100m - 1st
- Finn McEachern 200m - 1st
- Finn McEachern 800m - 2nd
- Blake Humphries shot put - 3rd

9 Year Old Girls:

- Georgia Skirving long jump - 3rd
- Quinn Jennings shot put - 3rd

10 Year Old Boys:

- Riley Chapman 100m - 2nd

10 Year Old Girls

- Anna LeCornu long jump - 1st
- Anna LeCornu discus - 2nd
- Anna LeCornu shot put - 3rd

11 Year Old Boys

- Charlie Carroll 100m - 3rd
- Charlie Carroll 200m - 2nd
- Joel Clayfield 800m - 1st
- Felix Bell long jump - 2nd

11 Year Old Girls

- Annabelle Gordon 800m - 3rd
- Lacey Hunter shot put - 3rd
- Ella Swiggs discus - 2nd

12 Year Old Boys

- Titan Dumigan 100m - 3rd
- Titan Dumigan 200m - 3rd
- Banjo Stephens shot put - 1st
- Henry Kentish discus - 1st

12 Year Old Girls

- Scarlet Ryan high jump - 3rd

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator

EMPLOYMENT Opportunities
at Tenison Woods College

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Employment Opportunities

Tenison Woods College is a dynamic Early Years to Year 12 Catholic co-educational College with over 1400 students. The College is situated in picturesque grounds on the outskirts of Mount Gambier, SA.

We are seeking a suitably qualified staff member for the following position commencing on Monday, 25 July 2022:

FIXED TERM

Junior Primary (Reception to Year 2) Replacement Teacher (TERM 3)

For further information and Position Information Documents, please click [here](#). Applications close 4:00PM Monday, 6 June 2022.



Uniform Focus of the Week!

Week 4 - Jewellery

The following items of jewellery may be worn:

- A watch.
- A fine gold or silver chain with a small religious symbol.
- Sleepers or stud earrings – one per ear in earlobe only.
- Make up is not to be visible and clear nail polish may be worn.
- Body piercings, tattoos or body art are not permitted

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



It's Raining... Umbrellas!

Tenison Woods College umbrellas have arrived just in time for this weekend's winter sports - with the forecast showing lots of rain is on the way!

These quality umbrellas feature automatic opening at the click of a button, double velcro closures, a fully vented wind proof canopy, and strong fibreglass shaft. Available at the Front Office for only \$35 each.

SHINE fm Australian of the Year
Tour of Honour

Panel Discussion with
Bernie Shakeshaft

Click this icon to listen

Join our Australian of the Year panel for an impactful conversation.

Limestone Coast
18 and 20 May 2022

2022

Monique Barendse | Mark Le Messurier | Bernie Shakeshaft | Dr Trudy Lin | Prof Helen Marshall

Australian of the Year
tour of HONOUR

Week 4 Shine FM Podcast - Bernie Shakeshaft

Tune into our Week 4 edition of the SHINE FM Podcast and listen as Bernie Shakeshaft shares an insight to his experiences. Bernie is an Australian of the Year - Local Hero 2022.

Starting in 2006 with a shed and an idea, Bernie founded the BackTrack Youth Works Program, turning around the lives of some of Australia's most vulnerable kids. Using the skills he developed growing up and as a jackaroo in the Northern Territory learning from the Aboriginal trackers, Bernie developed an award-winning program that uses animal assisted learning, agricultural skills and a residential facility.

We are very fortunate to have Bernie join us along with other Australian of the Year recipients as part of the 'Tour of Honour' Limestone Coast.

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



Student Attends SRC

On Friday 13 May, I was given the opportunity to attend the inaugural South Australian Student Representative Council (SRC) alongside more than 100 fellow South Australian representatives from schools across the state. This was the first time such a large body of young South Australians had met in order to discuss political and social change. The day was spent sharing ideas with one another, listening to guest speakers, and having discussions with state members of parliament.

The SRC was a chance for myself and other young South Australians to work as a collective, exploring the common issues within our communities and how we as young people can work together proactively to find new and innovative solutions. We were able to connect with one another and share ideas with the knowing we all shared the same desire to bring about change within our local and state communities. I am very grateful to be a member of this new initiative and I hope with this I will be able to further support my school community and local community in future.

Aden Clarke | Year 11 Student



2023 Enrolments

Last week we held our Year 7 enrolment interviews at Penola and this week, we visited Millicent. Mount Gambier interviews are currently being arranged. If you are considering enrolling your Year 7 child for 2023, now is the time to contact the College!

Click [here](#) for Middle School Community Information

Click [here](#) to book a College Tour

Click [here](#) to request an Information Pack



Cross Country Champions

On Friday 20 May students made their way to Naracoorte for the 36th running of the South East Cross Country championships.

Held at the Naracoorte primary school, the weather was perfect for runners who either ran the 1.3km, 1.8km or the 2.5km course through the Naracoorte Conservation Park. All students ran well, especially Jeremy Smith, who finished in 3rd place.

Many thanks to staff Lewis Lean, Stacey Bradley and Elyse Willoughby for their support on the day.



Perm-a-Pleat Shop News

We warmly welcome our new Uniform Shop staff, Kylie Watson and Alana Creek, who have now started their new roles, continuing the dedicated commitment to our College families.

Be sure to stop by to say Hi to Kylie and Alana!

The Uniform Shop is now open each Wednesday in addition to Tuesday and Thursday. The opening hours are as follows:

Tuesdays	8:00AM to 12:00pm
Wednesdays	8:00AM to 12:00pm
Thursdays	12:30PM to 4:30pm

Perm-A-Pleat Uniform Shop



Check out the Tenison Woods College Facebook Page 



Generations in Jazz

Finally able to perform live to an audience, our Big Band, Concert Choir, Senior Vocal Ensemble and Senior Boys Ensemble showcased their Generations In Jazz (GIJ) repertoire . Many hours of rehearsals, memorisation of music, instrumental / vocal lessons and personal practice all came together on Monday as each group was recorded in readiness to upload for adjudication.

Congratulations to all students and musical directors Mr Jackson Heaven, Mrs Beth Creedy and Mrs Jodi Swiggs for their expertise in leading our students to such a high level of musicianship. Thanks also goes to Mr Nathan Creedy for providing the sound requirements for each ensemble.

The evening concert was well attended by families and staff members and our students were thrilled to perform once again to a real audience and to receive such intense applause and appreciation for their hard work.

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts



Big Band



Concert Choir



Senior Vocal Ensemble



Senior Boys Ensemble



The Crowning of Mary



During the month of May, the Church honours, with special love, Mary the Mother of God. Our Year 1 students have been learning about Mary over the last few weeks and celebrated their learning with a crowning ceremony in the Chapel. Having a crowning ceremony acknowledges the Queenship of Mary and her distinct role as our Mother and our Queen. It is also a beautiful reminder that we are all kings and queens in the Kingdom of God. We listened to the story of the coronation of Mary from the Glorious Mysteries and prayed the Angelus. The Angelus is a special prayer that reminds us of the Angel Gabriel's Annunciation to Mary and her triumphant "Yes!" As part of the Angelus, we also prayed the Hail Mary, which is one of the Prayers of the Tradition. At the end of the ceremony, all students and staff placed flowers at the feet of our Mary statue in the Chapel.

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



National Simultaneous Story Time

National Simultaneous Storytime was celebrated at Tenison Woods College today by our Junior School, Poplars, ELCC students and staff along with over 2 million other participants around the world! This year's book "Family Tree" by Josh Pyke and illustrated by Ronojoy Ghosh was a wonderful choice and classes were able to enjoy a livestream of the book by both the author and illustrator from the National Library. A fun event promoting reading and literacy that we love participating in every year!

Alexandra Nicholson | Library Manager



World Record Attempt at Lid Sorting

As a part of Laudato Si Week, which took place at the College in Week 4, students in Year 5-8 were encouraged to help the Project Recology team with our never-ending job of plastic lid sorting. About 40 students formed small groups to see if they could beat last year's record of 16,000 lids. Each group worked diligently and collaboratively throughout lunchtime, sorting a total of 18,324 lids. These lids will be sorted further into plastic types before being shredded into chips and turned into new products for the College community. Thanks to all students involved and look out in next week's newsletter to see where these lids will be utilised!

Tom Linnell | Early Years to Year 12 Sustainability Coordinator





2022 Charity Ball

Friday 3 June
7:00pm - 11:30pm
City Hall, Main Corner, Mount Gambier

We invite Tenison Woods College Year 11 & 12 students to
the 2022 Charity Ball

\$40 per ticket

*Ticket Sales Close
this Friday!*

Tickets on sale now from the Front Office
until Friday 27 May (Week 4)
cash or card payments accepted

Dress Code: Smart Casual / Cocktail

Raising funds for Timor-Leste

