

Weekly Newsletter



STUDENT FREE DAYS
Thursday 9 and Friday 10 of June

National Reconciliation Week

I thank staff and students for their commitment to National Reconciliation Week. 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 the future unless we heal historical wounds.

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

David Mezinac | Principal



Please see page for more photos

From the Principal



Timor-Leste Charity Ball – Be More, Not Want More

Once again, as part of the Timor-Leste fundraising, we will be holding a Charity Ball this Friday evening, 3 June. The Charity Ball is an opportunity for students in Year 11 and 12 to join together for a night of socialising and dancing at the City Hall – Main Corner while raising much needed funds and awareness for our closest neighbours in Timor-Leste. Timor is experiencing hardship at present with high COVID numbers, long lockdowns that make it difficult for people to earn an income, and recent flooding that sadly killed many people, displaced others and destroyed crops. To embrace the concept of the Charity Ball students will be encouraged to donate back money that they saved on their outfit, hair, make up etc. There will be a collection box at the entrance for students to make this cash donation if they wish to do so. Secondly, an auction of goods and services will be held on the night, which will be a lot of fun. These items will be auctioned for a small monetary amount. Students will not be required to bring cash for this auction, as the winning bidders will have the opportunity to pay at a later date.

We encourage families to have a discussion with their young person, and as much as we want students to look their best, we would like students to be mindful that in Timor-Leste, \$40 can feed a family of four for one month. Please consider a thoughtful approach to this event. Perhaps borrow a dress or use one you already have? Don't buy new shoes, use existing shoes. Why not try Vinnies for that suit or slacks, or to accessorise your outfit. How about donating the money you would normally spend with a hairdresser directly to the cause? See if you can 'go without' an item or luxury appointment to help those in Timor-Leste who have very little. Every cent we raise will go directly to this cause, so please think about this.

35th Annual Cardijn Exchange

We look forward to the 35th annual Cardijn College Exchange, held on Monday 6 June and Tuesday 7 June. The sporting and debating competitions conducted this year at Tenison Woods College have a wonderful tradition of impressive skill level, team spirit and fair play. Sincere thanks to all parents, staff and students who are involved in preparing for the exchange with our Cardijn visitors, with special thanks to Ms Tara Millard, Sports Coordinator, and the Health and Physical Education Team for their coordination of such a significant event on our College calendar.

HHDL Four Point Plan

I reiterate the settings for schools in South Australia, which will complement our continuing deliberate and careful HHDL Strategy in Term 2.

Face Masks

While masks remain recommended by the Chief Public Health Officer, from 30 May, staff, parents, adult visitors and secondary students are no longer required to wear masks when attending the school. Those who continue to choose to wear masks will be supported to do so.

However, families are asked to note that masks continue to be required to be worn by those aged 12 years and over:

1. When riding on public transport; and
2. Who are close contacts, for 7 days after exposure, as per the SA Health close contact guidelines.

Additionally, face masks will be required to be worn in education settings where COVID-19 transmission reaches certain thresholds, based on SA Health advice. In these instances, face masks will be required to be worn indoors by students in Years 7-12 only, and all staff and visitors in the school for a 14-day period. If we reach an outbreak threshold at our school, you will be advised of the dates that face masks will be required. Exemptions to mask wearing will continue to be made for students or staff who have a medical condition, such as problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability, or a mental health condition.

COVID-19 Positive and Close Contacts Protocols

Thank you for continuing to support our school as we follow the SA Health advice and in particular for your cooperation in keeping students home from school if they display even mild symptoms.

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.

I thank you in anticipation for your attention to 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 Sub-school delineation as much as is possible to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission across the College community.

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.

EY-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. Select 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

Key Dates

Thursday 2 June

- Year 2B Blue Lake Aquifer Excursion

Friday 3 June

- Year 2C Blue Lake Aquifer Excursion
- Year 11-12 Charity Ball

Monday 6 June

- St Marcellin Champagnat Feast Day
- Cardijn Exchange Day 1

Tuesday 7 June

- Cardijn Exchange Day 2

Wednesday 8 June

- Virtual Platform Stage 2 Drama Performance

First Day of Winter!

With the extremely wet weather we are experiencing at the moment your safety and that of others is paramount.

Some gentle reminders:

- Students to please slow down, and no running especially around corners.
- There is a lot of water around avoid walking in puddles.
- If using steps/stairs use the handrails to support yourself. Some areas are slippery due to falling leaves.
- Avoid Carrying heavy loads where possible.
- Hot drinks must be in a covered cup or mug.

Stay warm and dry!

Trudi Dempsey | WHS Coordinator

CIM Team News



Reconciliation Week

The theme for #NRW2022 is *Be Brave. Make Change.* The purpose of the theme is to challenge all Australians – individuals, families, communities, organisations and governments – to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians.

*Holy Father, God of Love,
You are the Creator of this land and all good things.
We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history
and the sufferings of Our peoples,
and we ask your forgiveness.
We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures.
Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus
to reconcile the world to you.
We pray for your strength and grace to forgive,
accept and love one another, as you love us
and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son.
Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history
so that we may build a better future for our Nation.
Teach us to respect all cultures.
Teach us to care for our land and waters.
Help us to share justly the resources of this land.
Help us to bring about spiritual and social change
to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities,
especially the disadvantaged.
Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit.
May your power and love be the foundations
on which we build our families,
our communities and our Nation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group, 13 March 1997, Brisbane

Faith Facts

Do you know the answer to last week's question, "Have you ever wondered what happens in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?"

During this sacrament, a person:

- Reflects upon their life especially about their good and poor choices
- Speaks with a priest about areas of life they want to change
- Confess their sins and express sorrow
- Receives God's healing and forgiveness
- Makes up for their wrong-doing through penance



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

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

Last week we discovered that one of the themes of Luke's Gospel was salvation. Another prominent theme throughout the Gospel is one of concern for the poor and marginalised. Luke wrote for a wealthy audience and wanted people to consider those on the margins of society. It begins with Mary's song of praise for God who lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things, and sends the

rich away empty.

Jesus proclaims his mission in the synagogue in Nazareth before teaching others that God's blessing is on the poor. We also hear the story of the rich man who is eternally condemned for his neglect of a poor man named Lazarus. Luke also places an emphasis on the role of women, who were often marginalised within society, as ones who show faith and witness to Jesus.

Junior School Liturgies

Now that restrictions have lifted, it was wonderful to see parents and family members join us for our Junior School liturgies over the last few days. We warmly welcomed James Thomson into our College community as he celebrated these special liturgies with our students. James is a seminarian and is currently studying to be a priest. Our Reception and Year 1 students had a special focus on Mary, our Mother, for their liturgies. Our Year 2 students celebrated their learning of the sacrament of Baptism whilst the Year 3 students focused on Reconciliation.

Father Stu Movie Fundraising Event

The Mount Gambier Catholic Parish Youth Ministry Group are having a 1movie fundraiser event on Wednesday 8 June at the Oatmill Cinema. The movie being screened is Father Stu, starring Mark Wahlberg and Mel Gibson. It has come highly recommend and has received excellent reviews.

Tickets are being sold in the CIM office (cash only) or through the Parish Office (cash and EFTPOS available) and are available from tomorrow until sold out at

ST PAUL'S YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

MOVIE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE - 7PM-9PM
OATHILL CINEMA COMPLEX
PERCY STREET, MOUNT GAMBIER

TICKET PRICE \$16.50 (NO CONCESSION)
POPCORN, DRINKS AND SWEETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE CINEMA

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:
• ST PAUL'S PARISH OFFICE
• CIM CIM OFFICE (CASH ONLY)
• ST ANTHONY'S HILLIGENT FRONT OFFICE (CASH ONLY)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR
HGP.YOUTH@GMAIL.COM

RECOMMENDED FOR 15+: MATURE THEMES, COARSE LANGUAGE AND SEXUAL REFERENCES

Sacramental Preparation Program

A reminder that families involved in the program must attend Family Session D, Thursday 16 June, at either 4:30 - 5:45pm or 6:45 - 8:00pm at St Paul's Hall.

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 is held at 9:15am in the College Chapel.

The roster for Term 2 Masses:

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

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



Leader's Latest



Hello everyone!
Our names are Chelsea and Mason, and we are your 2022 Middle School Leaders.

So far within the Middle school we have had many clubs running for all students to attend. These include the fitness club, karaoke club and more. We were especially excited to attend a GRIP conference, where we got to connect with many other schools within the Limestone Coast and learn what it means to be a leader and how we can improve. Students from Year 6, 9 and 11 attended, and even learnt from other Australian Schools what it means to see a need within the school, and to do something about it.

On Thursday 19 May we were able to attend the Australia Day Tour of Honour, where we met some Australians of the Year, who showed us that ordinary people can do extraordinary things. We were able to learn what makes us all unique and what we can do within our community and having the courage to lead by example. The discussion was especially touching and was a big boost in the right direction of stepping forward, and following the example of "see a need, do a deed."

We are excited for future events to occur within the Middle school, and also we would like to hear student's voices. If any students have any suggestions about what could be done in the Middle school, please email one of us.

Chelsea Lucas and Mason Bentley | Middle School Leaders



Uniform Focus of the Week!

Week 5 - Hair

- Hair is clean and brushed or combed to maintain a neat and tidy appearance.
- Hair is of a singular natural colour and to be tied up if touching the collar of either the school shirt or school dress.
- Hair length should be a minimum of a number 2 cut and hairstyles that are deemed extreme are not permitted, such as mullets of inappropriate length, rats' tails, dreadlocks, mohawks, extreme uneven grades, undercuts, or patterns shaved into the hair.
- Navy headband or navy or white ribbons may be worn.
- No facial hair is permitted.

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



Metal Technology Students Forge Forward with their Major Projects

Year 10 Metal Technology students are progressively working their way towards completing their Major Projects. For this assessment, students have used the design process to research, plan, design and create a unique LED Sign made from steel and acrylic. Pictured above from left to right is Ronald Bati, Zavier Barlow and Tyler Collins prepping the bays ready for welding. Keep an eye out for our completed projects in weeks to come!

George Adamopoulos | Year 7 - 12 BET Teacher



Year 11 Hospitality Students Get Creative in the Kitchen

Year 11 Food & Hospitality students have created amazing 18th Birthday cakes as part of an assignment.



Students Volunteer to Create Tables for the Sugarloaf Café

New Ecology and Sustainability Education Support Officer, Mike Jazepczyk, has worked tirelessly since the start of the term with Middle School Sustainability leaders in their recess and lunchtimes to fulfill an order for the Sugarloaf Café to remake all their tables in visually striking recycled plastic. Each of the 20 kilogram table tops contains 10,000 plastic bottle lids that the students and Mike have worked hard to sort, shred and then press. Mike comes from a long career in cabinetmaking and construction and his specific skillset has proven a vital ingredient in producing beautiful, bespoke items with students in Project Recology. Families can continue to support the program by donating their clean #2, #4 and #5 lids to the space before or during school hours. Thank you to Mike and the students for their incredible efforts and the Sugarloaf Café for supporting the program.

Tom Linnell | Early Years to Year 12 Sustainability Coordinator



Students Explore the World of Robotics

We've been thrilled to host 'The World of Robotics' at our College this week, with Year 4-6 students enjoying Robotics workshops! The World of Robotics was founded in 1988, offering incursions that are tailored to each schools needs and make solid connections with science, technology and digital technologies.

Robotics Education is an exciting and unique series of hands-on workshops, giving students the opportunity to create moving robots! The students are set a task such as creating an athlete robot, a recycle robot or a mathematical robot.

Robotics provides students with real-world skills from within a classroom setting:

- R** - Relevant problem-solving
- O** - Open-ended investigation
- B** - Brighter futures
- O** - Organisation & collaboration
- T** - Technology & engineering
- I** - Innovation & entrepreneurship
- C** - Critical & creative thinking
- S** - Scientific & mathematical thinking

A great program that all students love getting involved in as they learn new skills!



Basketballers thrive in knockout basketball competition

On Monday 30 May we took a squad of Year 7-8 basketballers to the Ice House to participate in a knockout basketball competition.

The boy's team, coached by Kym Hammond, first took on Grant High School. We made a great start to the game with everyone contributing and everyone on the team scoring, as we won 88-28. In the second game against Mount Gambier High School our defence improved and our team game was excellent. We often made the extra pass to get an easy shot and worked well together to win 93-10.

The girl's team, coached by Tom Daly, worked cohesively to achieve a strong win against Grant High School in the first game. The team tactics really improved for the second game against Mount Gambier High School and the team showed excellent sideline support to achieve our second win.

Both teams represented the College extremely well and showed excellent sportsmanship towards the opposition, umpires and each other.

Well done to all students on being so versatile and willing to share court time. A big thank you for our coaches and supporting staff!

Elyse Willoughby | HPE and Sports Trainee



Week 5 Shine FM Podcast - Whats the Buzz?

Tune in to our Week 5 edition of the SHINEfm Podcast as "What's the Buzz?" author, Mark Le Messurier, shares an insight to his experiences. Mark is a 2022 SA State Recipient Senior Australian of the Year. Mark has devoted his life to improving the self-worth, wellbeing, mental health and life outcomes of young people. He focuses on who he calls the 'tough kids' – those who are struggling in some capacity. This includes children with disabilities, global developmental delays, disadvantage, disorders, neglect, or a combination of issues. We were very fortunate to have Mark join us, along with other Australian of the Year recipients, as part of the recent 'Tour of Honour' Limestone Coast.

Listen on Spotify - <https://spoti.fi/3x33FT5>
Or, listen via direct link here - <https://bit.ly/3NMjfcJ>

National Reconciliation Week Photo Gallery





Tenison Woods College
Stage 2 Drama's
Cacophony of Whispers presents...

Virtual Platform

by Claire Broome

Wednesday 8 June 2022 7pm

Wehl Street Theatre

Doors open 6:30pm, gold coin donation at the door

Offstage: Joshua Amoroso and Jack Newton

Onstage: Ashley de Jong, Billy Dixon, Makinlee Futcher, Liam Nott, Alana O'Connell, Alex Try

