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WEEK 1, TERM 3

TENISON WOODS COLLEGE

Weekly Newsletter



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Welcome Back to Term 3!

Yesterday our Term 3 Reception Students enjoyed their first day! They made new friends in their classes and loved exploring the College! We look forward to seeing their happy faces throughout the year.

Please visit our Facebook page for more photos of our new reception students!



Be The One at Tenison Woods College

From the Principal

Welcome Back



Welcome back to Term 3. We especially welcome new Reception and ELCC students who have this week commenced their respective journeys with us. We also welcome families whose children commence their schooling with us in other year levels throughout the school.

We also welcome the following Exchange Students who join us for the first part of Semester 2:

Manon Serres from France	Year 10, for 10 Months
Raul Escobar-Llana from Spain	Year 9, departing 23 September
Charles Penel from France	Year 9, departing 3 September
Alban Caro from France	Year 11, departing 24 September

These students join the following students who are already here:

Matteo Glenisson from France	Year 10, departing 21 August
Charlotte Turq from France	Year 10, departing 21 August

I trust that the spirit of community and commitment to building strong relationships, which are complemented by our innovative culture and dedication to fostering individual pathways, will support you as you strive to bring out the best in your child. I hope that you will also see, as I have indicated previously, and consistent with our theme this year, being a part of The Tenison Woods College community is not hard, it just requires a little extra effort from everyone so that we all have confidence to "Be the One" to realise our potential as individuals and as a community of people.

COVID-19 Challenges

The interesting times continue, and I thank the whole College community for their supportive approach to the COVID-19 precautions.

As per the jointly signed letter by the CESA Director and the Chief Public Health Officer sent to families Monday evening, mask wearing while indoors at school by children and young people in Years 3-12 is encouraged. We will continue to deliberately and carefully continue with our HHDL Strategy in Term 3, asserting good Health, good Hygiene and hand washing, good Distancing and care for others, and good Learning regardless of student location.

As always, the health and wellbeing of students, families and staff remain our priority. If your family are needing to self-isolate to start the term please contact your child's teacher and they will ensure that your child's learning will progress through our Connect@Tenison strategy.

It is clear to me that as has been shown by recent national events, complacency continues to be our enemy at this time, so I ask that you maintain the high HHDL standards which have been achieved since 2020 and continued into 2021. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Staffing Appointments during Term 3

We wish the following staff the very best as they participate in long service leave this term:

Sharon Adams	Office and HPE Team Support
Kathryn Domaschenz	Year 2 Teacher
Trent Eitzen	Technology Teacher
Aleisha Hunter	Office Team

During Term 3 Andrew (Andy) Watt will teach Kathryn Domaschenz' class. We also farewelled Becky Travis at the end of Term 2 as she commenced her Maternity Leave. Lisa Boyd will return to cover Becky's leave. Lisa has a long association with the College as a former student, Trainee and OSHC Supervisor and we look forward to Lisa returning to the College in a teaching capacity.

We also farewelled Leah Mullen who has been an outstanding addition to our Education Support team for the past 15 months both in mainstream class and Poplars.

Alison Gwilym, Chef in the Sugarloaf Café, resigned her position late last term after completing a year's leave. We look forward to farewelling Alison in the near future, and celebrating her contribution to the Sugarloaf Cafe.

We welcome new Poplars Co-educators to the Poplars team:

Emmason Ilsley
Mardi Altorfer
Jessica Munro

We also welcome new OSHC Co-educators:

Chloe Newell
Sophie McLean
Jessica Stafford

We wish these new staff all the best in their service of our families, and look forward to them offering their gifts to the staff team.

Stage 2 – Years 1-6 Junior School

I am delighted with the progress on the building site after locating several tilt up panels in the carefully prepared locations during the past three weeks. These deliveries of pre-cast panels will continue until the end of Week 2. It is a very busy, exciting site at the moment.

CESA Community LLL Perception Surveys

By the conclusion of Week 5 of Term 3 all Catholic Schools in South Australia will complete the CESA Living, Learning, Leading Perception Surveys. The surveys are a product of a collaboration between Catholic Education SA (CESA) and Curtin University and are focused on the development, validation and use of a system-wide survey to examine the understanding of the vision and extent to which Catholic Education SA's Living Learning Leading Framework is taking place in schools as perceived by students, family and staff.

Teacher and student surveys will be conducted in schools between Weeks 1 and the end of Week 3, Term 3. Parent surveys can be conducted anytime up to the end of Week 5.

There are 7 surveys in total as described below.

1. Middle Primary Years 3 and 4
2. Upper Primary Years 5 and 6
3. Middle School Years 7, 8 and 9
4. Senior School Years 10, 11 and 12
5. Teacher survey
6. ESO staff

The surveys have been emailed to all schools ready for completion by the end of Week 3 in Term 3. You can access the survey through this link: <https://www.nsipartnerships.com.au/>. The access code is: TWCLLLP.

Each survey has been trialled, refined and piloted in a range of CESA school settings and the development team is confident that schools will derive very useful information for planning and improvement.

Out of School Hours Care – Nine years of deliberate care, deliberate learning.

I have been delighted by the response to our OSHC service that has now been servicing our community for nine years! The attendance at our holiday program was further validation of the carefully prepared program and the commitment to a fun, safe, nurturing and supportive environment, which is reflective of our community's family values.

At this time, I offer appreciation to the range of staff who offered their service to the OSHC program during the student vacation; service which was greatly appreciated by the families of our community.

For further information and bookings contact Jess on [8724 4633](tel:87244633) or email oshc@tenison.catholic.edu.au. You can also visit the OSHC page on our website [here](#) where you'll find more details about the OSHC Program.

ELCC – Holiday Program

The Early Learning and Community Centre also operated during the student vacation with its stimulating and individualised holiday learning program under Domenica Dunn and Angela Cutting's discerning and passionate leadership.

Reception enrolments 2023

I advise parents and caregivers that interviews are about to begin for all 2023 Term 1 Reception Enrolments. Tracey Davey will be in contact with families so they can arrange a suitable time for families to meet with Mrs Francesca Dickson, Head of Junior School.

Professional Learning Day

Reception to Year 12 Staff enjoyed the staff professional development day on Monday 25 July, when they devoted time to a variety of wellbeing and literacy endeavours. Education Support Officers were also invited to be involved in the day. I trust students and parents will experience the benefits of the day through our service within the College.

God Bless,

David Mezinic | Principal

Key Dates

WEEK 1

Wednesday 27 July

Year 12 Retreat Monday - Friday

Thursday 28 July

Year 9/10 Knockout Football
Year 10 PLP Session 8

Friday 29 July

Schools Tree Day
Mount Gambier Vocal and Choral Eisteddfods - 10:30am and 5:30pm

WEEK 2

Monday 1 August

Middle and Senior School Art Exhibition - All Week
Knockout Netball - 12:00pm

Tuesday 2 August

ACER PISA Testing (Year 10)
Year 10 PLP - 10:15am, Session 5.
Knockout Netball - Adelaide



Open Boys Football Team Through to finals!

Monday 25 July the Open Boys football team travelled to Adelaide to compete in Round 2 of the Open Boys Knockout Football Statewide Schools Competition on Tuesday 26 July.

In what became a topsy-turvy day, Blackwood High School beat Faith Lutheran College in the third game to send us through to the final, based on percentage; what a roller coaster of emotions! Below are the results from the games we played.

Game 1 - Blackwood High School

The first game was against Blackwood High School and to our credit we were able to steady early in the match and gain ascendancy. After holding a 13-point half-time lead, the midfield were able to take control of the game and we eventually ran out winners by 41 points. Better players in the game were Austin Fuller, Noah Sims, Ethan Sims and Harry Fisher.

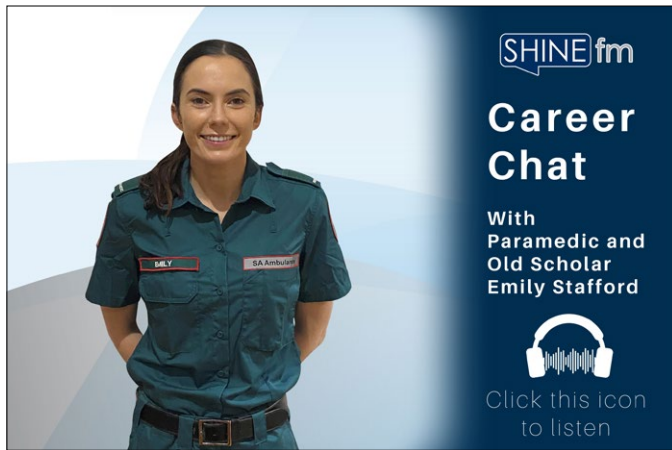
TWC 9.8.62 - 3.3.21 BHS

Game 2 - Faith Lutheran College

We then had to back up with the second game of the day and come up against Faith Lutheran College. In what was a tight battle all game, we headed into the final break leading by 14 points. Unfortunately, Faith Lutheran College were able to run out the game stronger and we went down by a solitary point after a shot after the siren didn't quite go through the big sticks. Better players were Jackson Bowden, Kalan Shanks, Austin Fuller, Thomas Bignell and Nick Joy.

TWC 6.5.41 - 6.6.42 FLC

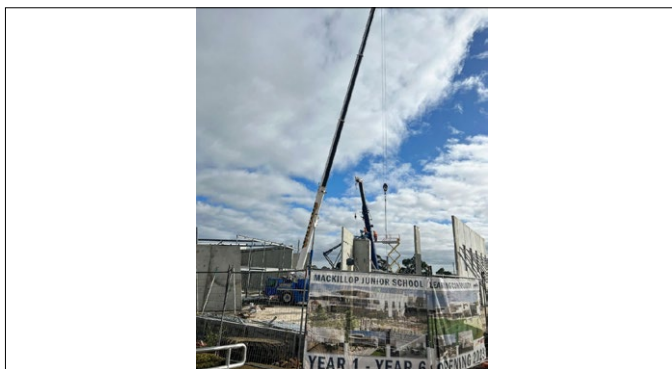
Brad Maney | 7 - 12 HPE Coordinator



Week 1 ShineFM Podcast - Careers Expo

Tune in to our Term 3, Week 1 edition of the SHINEfm Podcast as we listen to Old Scholar Emily Stafford discuss her experiences as a Paramedic, offer some helpful career tips, as well as sharing some memories from her time at Tenison Woods College

Listen on Spotify - <https://spoti.fi/3PUs59n>
Or, listen via direct link here - <https://bit.ly/3zzyUYK>



Junior School Construction Update

It's certainly getting easier to visualise the Junior School space and we are excited about the progress developing in front of our eyes over the next few months!!



Fun at OSHC in the Holidays!

During the holidays, OSHC students got up to lots of different fun activities. It's safe to say that they enjoyed getting messy at Mud Day. A few days later they got to end their holidays off with a pyjama day which included relaxing while watching movies, reading, and craft activities.



Professional Learning Day

On Monday 25 July staff enjoyed a Professional Learning Day, using this time to further their teaching craft in a range of areas. Staff participated in a range of workshops focusing on Critical Literacies and SEQTA training, as well as Attachment and Trauma learning sessions run by David Kelly from the LBI Foundation.

A productive day enhancing skills and understandings which will be significantly utilised in the ensuing term.



Perm-A-Pleat Uniform Shop Hours

Term 3 Opening Hours:

The Uniform Shop is now open Wednesdays in addition to Tuesdays and Thursdays, the opening hours are as follows:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays
8:00am - 12:00pm

Thursdays
12:30pm - 4:30pm

To view the Uniform Handbook please click [here](#).
To place an order for uniform items, please click [here](#).

Please note:
Due to COVID, there may be stock level issues for some items. Thank you for your patience.

Kylie and Alana | Perm-A-Pleat Uniform Shop



Principal David Meziniec Wins National Excellence in Leadership Award at the CaSPA National Conference

On Monday 11 July 2022, our very own Principal, David Meziniec, received one of two Excellence in Leadership Awards offered by Catholic Secondary Principals Australia at their biennial national conference. The two-day conference enabled Catholic school leadership teams to gather in Canberra and reflect on the themes of the conference as expressed in the title: "Unity, Voice, Service."

In accepting the award David made the point that it was not his style to be playing in the space of individual awards. At Tenison Woods College the Leadership Team accentuates the Jim Collins and Jim Maxwell Level 5 Leadership aspiration, imbued by the College's founders, that focuses on teamwork, individual humility, collaboration and building a strong organisation and an ongoing organisational legacy beyond accentuating individuals. David underlined that the innovative success of Tenison Woods College is due to the wonderfully diverse, collaborative and self-effacing efforts of staff who are committed to serving families, and he thanked the staff for their deliberate efforts and impact.

As such David accepted the award as an acknowledgment of all the wonderful, life-giving work that occurs in Catholic schools across Australia through dedicated staff as they invite young people to a relationship with our God, and become the thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires.

David also accepted the award as a way of recognising and putting a spotlight on the wonderful leadership in Catholic schools across Australia and the work of his talented, committed colleagues who share the vocation of principalship.

David offered thanks for the opportunity to serve as Principal for 16 years in South Australian Catholic schools. David completed 4 years in the Diocese of Port Pirie and 12 years in the Diocese of Adelaide, where he is currently based here at Tenison Woods College. David thanked CaSPA (Catholic Secondary Principals Australia) for instituting the awards to recognise leadership in Catholic schools and extended his thanks to all involved. He also acknowledged the CaSPA Directors on the National CaSPA Board for their service to the profession and specifically advocating for Catholic schools and the leadership in Catholic schools across Australia.

David also extended his appreciation to his principal colleagues and the Executive the South Australian Association of Principals in Catholic Secondary Schools (APCSS) for nominating him for the award, indicating also the support and inspiration of his South Australian Catholic Principal colleagues is something which he greatly values.

David acknowledged the trust that families showed by enrolling their young in Catholic schools. He thanked families for inviting Catholic schools into what he called "their sacred space of family." David said that he felt so privileged to be serving in a Catholic school and was energised by the unfolding exciting horizon of education in school communities across Catholic Education South Australia and indeed Australia.

Congratulations David! It is wonderful to witness you shining brightly at Tenison Woods College every day and inspiring students, staff, and families through your ongoing commitment to the Tenison Woods College community.



Check out the Tenison Woods College Facebook Page

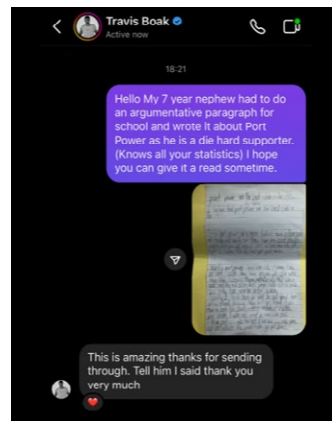
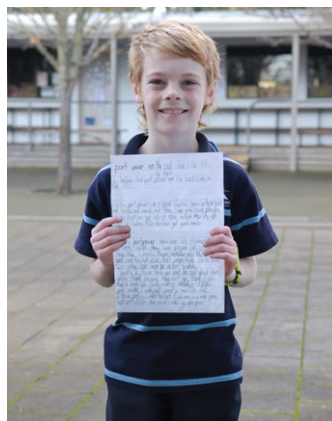


Richard Hill Awarded Pioneer's Life Membership

Our High Performance Specialist Basketball Coach & Pioneer's Head Coach, Richard Hill, was recently awarded life membership with the Pioneer's Basketball Club!

Congratulations on your well-deserved membership, Richard!

Photo courtesy of the Mount Gambier Pioneer's Facebook page.



Student speaks to Port Adelaide legend!

Year 2 student and die-hard Port Adelaide supporter, Tyler Kilsby, recently got to interact with Port Adelaide legend and club games record holder, Travis Boak!

Tyler was tasked with writing an argumentative paragraph in Mr Agnew's class and wrote a piece titled 'Port Power Are the Best Club in the AFL'. The assignment was sent to Travis on Instagram, which he greatly appreciated and thanked to Tyler for the letter!

Click [here](#) to give the letter a read! Awesome work, Tyler!



Difficult Conversations Masterclass

During the holidays we welcomed Andrew Fuller, who is both a Clinical Psychologist, guest speaker and successful Author.

Staff from Tenison Woods College, St Anthony's Catholic Primary School Millicent and Mary MacKillop Memorial School came together to approach difficult conversations. Through collaborative discussions, all participants gained valuable insights and strategies to support their approach in communicating effectively in all difficult situations.

Andrew imparts his expertise and knowledge of these skills in a down-to-earth and easy manner. The course was put together by both Andrew and Dr. Stephen Brown from The Brown Collective.

Andrew works with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally, specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families. He is a Fellow of the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Learning and Educational Development at the University of Melbourne. Andrew has published many books across a range of topics on parenting, resilience, self-help and living your best life at any age.

You can learn more about Andrew on his website, and view his range of books here: <https://andrewfuller.com.au/books/>



School Holiday Fun at ELCC

During the holidays, children enjoyed the school holiday program which featured Lego building activities, Pyjama Day, science experiments, a Teddy Bear Picnic and more!

The children challenged one another to create interesting Lego structures and of course there were attempts at building a tower as tall as the ceiling!

On pyjama day, children were snuggled up with pillows and popcorn to watch a selection of movies.



OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE
2023 RECEPTION STUDENTS

COFFEE & CRAFT

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST, 9.00AM

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST, 9.00AM

*Come and engage in the wonder of play to
create, innovate, problem solve and imagine.*

BOOK NOW



Is your child due to start Reception in 2023?

Would your child like to come and enjoy a morning filled with intentional play, craft, and experience our wonderful facilities?

We are offering two 'come and try' sessions for prospective 2023 Reception students and parents.

The Coffee and Craft sessions will begin at the on site Sugarloaf Café, followed by a tour of the MacKillop Reception Learning Community and other facilities. The tour will end with some craft activity time as well as some intentional play setup in the specially designed Reception Maker's Space.

To book please click [here](#).

Join the two Facebook Events here:

Coffee & Craft Thursday 4 August: <https://fb.me/e/1QRoThRkD>

Coffee & Craft Friday 5 August: <https://fb.me/e/1FKayFsbI>

If these dates do not work for you, please contact our Enrolment Registrar, Tracey Davey, to book a personalised tour at davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au

For more information about Reception Enrolments click [here](#).

For our Frequently Asked Questions click [here](#).

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**4:00PM - 7:30PM
TUESDAY 9 AUGUST**

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