

# Weekly Newsletter



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## Pathways and Careers Expo

What an amazing night!

On Tuesday evening, we welcomed families to our 2023 Pathways & Careers Expo, where they had the opportunity to chat with over 50 exhibitors from across South Australia, including universities and higher education, employment agencies, local businesses, city based student accommodation providers and our very own curriculum and learning area experts. We are very excited about our curriculum offerings and loved sharing them with families last night.

We would like to thank the following businesses that attended and supported the Expo.

- Timberlink
- OneFortyOne
- Group Training Employment
- Sureway Employment
- Mission Australia
- Total Therapy Solutions
- SA Pharmacy
- Benson Radiology
- SA Ambulance
- Sinclair Wilson
- Alora Conveyancing
- Stuckey Electrical
- Whitty Engineering
- Gambier Earth Movers
- Aquinas College
- University of South Australia
- Flinders University
- Adelaide University
- TAFE SA
- MEGT
- South Australian Police
- Australian Defence Force

A big thank you to all the staff that helped with the event, and all students who provided support and live musical performances. The night was a huge success!

**Scott Dickson** | Director of Learning



# From the Principal



## The Assumption – Monday 15 August

Monday 15 August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Feast of the Assumption commemorates Mary's entrance into Heaven, body and soul. Mary is a special symbol for Catholics, reinforcing our confidence that death is not an end. In her assumption Mary is a wonderful sign of hope for us, because after her Son, she is the first to be assumed body and soul into heaven. Just as Mary's Immaculate Conception is a symbol of what God is doing for all people, her Assumption is also a symbol of what will happen to all people in the 'ages to come' when everyone who has died will be given a new and different kind of life.

So, the Assumption is a feast of profound hope; a hope that inspires all we do as a Christian community, because, as reiterated by Saint John Vianney, "Jesus on the Cross said to the disciple whom He loved: "Behold your Mother!" How sweet are those words to the Christian who is able to understand what depths of love they contain!"

## 2023 Pathways and Careers Expo

Thanks to all staff, students, parents and community members who supported the 2023 Pathways and Careers Expo held Tuesday evening. It was so good to catch up with many families as we supported decisions regarding individual student pathways and career aspirations. This evening commenced the Subject Counselling process for the 2023 year in the Middle and Seniors School. The Expo confidently complemented the Subject Selection Information sessions for Year 7-12 students preparing for 2023.

The purpose of the Pathways and Careers Expo was to assist students and parents to gather information regarding subjects that are offered at Tenison Woods College and to assist students to make informed decisions regarding their subject choices, learning and future pathway options, so that we live boldly our challenge and our celebration that every learner has a place, every learner has a pathway, and every learner will shine. Thank you to all who made that a reality.

## 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 any time up to the end of Week 5.

## There are 6 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

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.

## COVID-19 Provision Of Rapid Antigen Tests to Support Future Possible Testing Of Classroom Contacts

Next week your child will bring home two Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) for you to store at home in case of a potential outbreak of COVID-19 at school. Please rest assured that this is a precaution and not an indication of any immediate concerns within the College community.

SA Health defines an outbreak in an educational setting as five or more COVID-19 positive students in a home class/room across a seven-day period. In the event that there is an outbreak in your child's home class/room, you will be notified that your child is a classroom contact and if they are asymptomatic, they are recommended to utilise one of the provided RATs prior to returning

to school.

This approach takes into account the updated advice provided by SA Health to educational settings. Note that all students in our school have been provided with two RATs to store at home.

If you have any queries in relation to this correspondence, please contact Michelle Coote on 08 8725 5455.

## Reception Enrolments 2023

I advise parents and caregivers that interviews have begun for 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.

## 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 – 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.

## Student Exemption Form for Absences over five days.

If your child will be absent from school for more than five days, please ensure that you contact the Administration Office to obtain a Student Exemption Form. All absenteeism for more than five days is approved by the College Principal and entered into our Attendance system to ensure accurate records are maintained and family's government benefits and allowances are protected.

God Bless,

David Mezinec | Principal

## Key Dates

### Thursday 11 August

- 2023 Year 10 Subject Counselling Presentation - 8:55
- Year 9D and 9E SHINE Camp Preparation Excursion - 9:35am
- Hospitality Industry Immersion - 1:30pm
- Sacrament Family Session E - 4:30pm - St Paul's Hall
- Sacrament Family Session E - 6:45pm - St Paul's Hall

### Friday 12 August

- Mount Gambier Music Eisteddfod
- 2022 Science and Engineering Challenge - Barrie Holmes Stadium
- SAPSASA Regional Basketball Day - Icehouse

### Monday 15 August

- Founders Week
- MacKillop Celebration Day
- Science Week
- Open Basketball Knockout - Monday/Tuesday - Adelaide
- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Tuesday 16 August

- ICAS English Competition
- Woods Celebration Day

### Wednesday 17 August

- PISA Catchup Testing
- Eisteddfod Debating Competition
- McAuley Celebration Day

## Uniform Focus of the Week!

### Skirt, Dresses and options available

Girls skirts are to be - below knee length (Years 7- 12)

Girls dress length is - knee length (Years 3-6)

Girls also have the option of navy monogrammed trousers or navy monogrammed shorts (optional for Years 3-12 all year round)

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing

# CIM Team News



## Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop “Never see a need without doing something about it.”

On Monday 8 August, we celebrated the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia’s first saint. We send special love and greetings to all the Josephite sisters, who carry on Mary’s work in Australia, New Zealand and our world today and to the Mary MacKillop Memorial School and St Joseph’s parish community in Penola.

*St Mary MacKillop, intercede for the needs of our local communities in this area that were so dear to you, remember all who are suffering from drought, sickness, poverty, abuse, homelessness, or any kind of need and, as always, bless the children.*

*Dear Mary, pray for us all and lead us to God.  
Amen.*

## Founders Week

Next week, we celebrate the legacy of our College founders with Founders Week. On their Founder celebration day, students are encouraged to wear their PE uniform and a splash of their house colour with a ribbon, socks, etc. Our Year 12, 9 and 6 Founder leaders will lead lunchtime activities for students that will accumulate house points towards the House Cup.

- Monday 15 August: MacKillop
- Tuesday 16 August: Woods
- Wednesday 17 August: McAuley
- Friday 19 August: Champagnat

On Thursday, we will celebrate Charity Day, with a focus on following in the footsteps of our founders and our long standing connection to Timor-Leste. We will begin with a Whole School Mass, followed by activities run by Year 12 students in buddy classes in the Barrie Holmes Stadium. Timor-Leste inspired market stalls will be selling items for gold coins at lunchtime, as well as a BBQ with sausages and hamburgers available to purchase. Students (on Thursday) are encouraged to wear casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation.

*Please see the posters on pages 8-9 for further information about Founders Week.*

## Your Voice in the 2022 Diocesan Assembly – Together on the Way

The Diocesan Assembly is part of a larger movement of synodality, being a church on the journey together. The Assembly is connected to the Australian Plenary Council, held at the end of Term 2, and the 2023 International Synod in Rome. Together on the Way represents the next phase of our diocesan synodal journey. The first phase, held in 2021, people through the Archdiocese of Adelaide were asked what they think are the most important things to discuss as the Church in Adelaide. After discernment and dialogue around those points, the next phase, held in October, will be focused on discerning and committing to actions and strategies.

The Assembly Council are encouraging Church communities – parishes, schools, and offices – to provide feedback to discern the key priorities that will be discussed in the 2022 Diocesan Assembly held in October. Tenison Woods College staff and students will have the opportunity to consider the top priorities for our Archdiocese and College community, and we are encouraging our families to do the same.

Families will have until 5:00pm Friday 12 August to look through the recommendations and complete the survey.

## Faith Facts

Do you know the answer to this week’s question?



Find out the answer in next week’s newsletter.

## Sacramental Preparation Program

A reminder that families involved in the current program preparing for First Holy Communion must attend Family Session D, Thursday 11 August, at either 4:30-5:45pm or 6:45-8:00pm at St Paul’s Hall.

## 15 Minutes with Father

This very popular short catechesis program for children has made a comeback in August! It will be held every Sunday in August after the 11am Mass. This time, Father Peter will discuss some important elements of the Holy Mass and how children can participate more deeply and reverently each week. We have been working on some engaging and very exciting resources for the children to take home. Children enrolled in the current Sacramental program are encouraged to participate.

## Youth Mass

Youth Mass is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the 5:00pm Saturday mass at St Paul’s Church, Penola Road. The next Youth Mass will be held on Saturday 20 August. The music and readings at this mass are led by the young people from the College and the Parish. Please contact Kate Carroll if you would like to be involved in this. The monthly Youth Mass is followed by a Youth Group dinner and discussion group. Young people in Year 7 and above are encouraged to attend.

## Term 3 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 3 Thursday 11 August – Year 8
- Week 4 Thursday 18 August – Whole School Mass, 9:00am
- Week 5 Thursday 25 August – Year 5
- Week 6 Thursday 1 September – Year 6
- Week 7 Thursday 8 September – Year 7
- Week 8 Thursday 15 September – Year 11
- Week 9 Thursday 22 September – Year 10
- Week 10 Thursday 29 September – Year 4

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



# Book Week 2022

## Book Week Competitions

This year we have some exciting competitions for Book Week to fit with the theme: ‘Dreaming with Eyes Open’. Please click [here](#) to download the flyer and the writing template. Named entries should be taken to the Library by the end of Week 5.

## Book Week Parade

Parents and friends may like to watch the Book Week Parade commencing at around 9:00am on Friday 26 August. Weather permitting this will be outside, travelling through the College grounds. If there is persistent rain we will use the gym.

Students are encouraged to dress for the theme: Dreaming with eyes open. Teachers and Library staff can help with ideas.

Please contact me on [lloyd@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lloyd@tenison.catholic.edu.au) with any questions you have.

Chris Lloyd | Teacher Librarian / CIM 7-9 Leader



## Football Champions!

Jacob Salmon & Kobe Gibson had a great competition with SA 15&U at the recent School Sport SA Australian Football Championships, winning 5/5 of their games and being crowned Champions! Kobe was also named in the All Australian team.

Great work guys!



## Staff Member to Represent South Australia in Hockey Championships

Congratulations to Year 7-12 Teacher, Sarah Mutch, who is currently representing South Australia in the 2022 Australian Country Hockey Championships from 6-13 August, in Albany, WA.

Sarah was selected in the team after impressing at the Adelaide Country Championships. She is one of three players from the Lower South East, with the rest of the team made up of players from all over the state.

Best of luck, Sarah!



## Save the Date - School Photos 2022

Please be advised that school photos will be held on **Monday 12 September** and **Tuesday 13 September**. Catch-up Photo Day will be on Friday 16 September. Photo envelopes will be distributed at the end of August.

Jessica Herring | Manager Public Relations, Marketing and Events



## Perm-A-Pleat Job Opportunity

Perm-A-Pleat are seeking candidates for a Casual position in our onsite Perm-A-Pleat Uniform Shop.

The position is a casual fill-in position to cover sick leave and holidays, as well as the January back-to-school period. Contact will be made to confirm hours as required.

Applicants will need a current Working with Children Check and COVID-19 Vaccination certificate.

Please email your application to [tenisonwoods.uniforms@permableat.com.au](mailto:tenisonwoods.uniforms@permableat.com.au), or call into our onsite Uniform Shop to discuss with Kylie & Alana. Opening hours are listed on our website.

Applications close Wednesday 31 August at 4:00pm.



## Scholarships Awarded to Year 12 Students

Year 12 students Maixence Williams and Sari Mutton were presented with a District Council of Grant Scholarship, awarded by Councillor Kylie Boston during the Year 12's combined home group this week. Typically an award for one student, it became apparent to the judging panel that two students deserved equal consideration.

Both Maixence and Sari are high-achieving students, holding similar leadership roles, and who strongly demonstrate the ethos of the school. They both also come from local family businesses and intend to study a degree in line with the business, and return to the region. The businesses are local industry producers, adding great value and interest to our region (one is in the fishing sector based at Port MacDonnell and the other in the boutique brewery business based in Yahl). It became clear that both students were equally deserving of the scholarship.

The annual \$500 Scholarship is awarded to a student residing in the District Council of Grant who meets a number of criteria and intends to go onto further study. We thank the District Council of Grant for their generosity in recognising two deserving recipients.

Congratulations to Maixence and Sari!



## SAPSASA District Basketball

On Friday 5 August, 40 students made their way to the Icehouse for the SAPSASA District Basketball Day. The teams consisted of Year 5 and 6 students who played a round-robin series against other schools in the area.

Our A Boys team were undefeated all day and have secured a spot in the Regional Day this Friday at the Icehouse, playing schools in the region. The other three teams played amazing basketball all day, showing great sportspersonship and determination. A gigantic thanks to Addison Noble for umpiring all day, Tom Daly, Kym Hammond and Elyse Willoughby for their efforts on the day.

We wish the following boys all the best next week:

- Hudson Gray
- Banjo Stephens
- Faustin Chizungu
- Joel Clayfield
- Fergus Tarr
- Isaac Salmon
- Ned Gazzard
- Jack Humphries
- James Bryan
- Dane O'Brien

**Tina Opperman** | R-6 Sports Coordinator



## Pride in Your Stride Walk

On Friday 5 August, students walked from Vansittart Park to the Cave Gardens with other community members to raise awareness and show support for people who are homeless, as part of the ac.care 'Pride in Your Stride Walk'. Students chanted 'Pride in Your Stride' as they walked to make sure they were noticed.

A big thank you to Arena Surf and Sports who donated several pairs of new shoes shown in the picture above. A big thank you also to all families who donated shoes to be given to people in need.

**Chris Lloyd** | Teacher Librarian / CIM 7-9 Leader



## Go M.A.D 'Make A Difference' At The Library

On Friday 8 August, students from one of the 'Go M.A.D.: Make a Difference' electives helped the Mount Gambier Friends of the Library set up for their annual Book Sale. The funds raised each year benefit many in our community, including some of our most disadvantaged people. The students worked together enthusiastically to truly make a difference.

**Chris Lloyd** | Teacher Librarian / CIM 7-9 Leader



## Mini She's Apples Shop!

As a part of their work in Nicola Dunn's Year 1 class, students set up their very own She's Apples shop!

A big thank you to She's Apples for donating some authentic props for us to use!

## Principal Appointment Process

As you might be aware, an advertisement was recently posted for the position of Principal – Tenison Woods College, Mount Gambier. This is due to David Mezinec's current tenure as Principal concluding at the end of 2022, and Catholic Education SA's undertaking to openly advertise the position when a Diocesan Principal reaches the end of their initial twelve year tenure.

A consultation process was recently undertaken to provide the panel with a deeper understanding of what is presently valued at the College, what are some considerations for the future, and what qualities are most desired in a Principal for Tenison Woods College. Thank you to the Staff, Board members and student groups who provided such rich and valuable insights.

The panel, which consists of local representation as well as Catholic Education Office leaders, will now follow a formal recruitment process that will ideally result in a suitable appointment and community announcement prior to the end of Term 3.

**John Foley** | Panel Chair / Manager - Workplace Culture and Innovation Catholic Education South Australia

# Coffee and Craft Tours

On Thursday 4 and Friday 5 August we welcomed families to our College for our annual Coffee & Craft mornings.

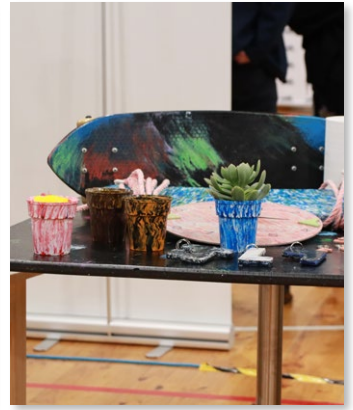
Families enjoyed coffees, hot chocolates and cookies from the Sugarloaf Café before departing on a tour of the College. The last stop of the tour was the MacKillop Reception Learning Community, where children were able to have fun with a variety of craft activities and see their future classrooms. Thank you to everyone who joined us and to all the staff who took part in the tour!

If you were unable to make it to either of our Reception tours, please contact our Enrolment Registrar, Tracey Davey, to book a personalised tour ([davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au)), or visit our website for more details.



# Pathways and Careers Expo





Venerable Catherine McAuley



St Mary MacKillop



Fr Julian Tenison Woods



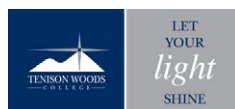
St Marcellin Champagnat

# Whole School Charity Day for Timor-Leste

THURSDAY 18 AUGUST - BARRIE HOLMES STADIUM

- **Whole School Event - Ninja Warrior**
- Gain Founder points by giving gold coins
- Buddy activities hosted by the Year 12's in the Barrie Holmes Stadium
- Lunchtime popup stalls - items \$1 & \$2

All proceeds will be donated to Timor-Leste.





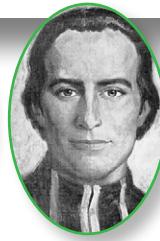
# Founders Week Activities



St Mary  
MacKillop



Fr Julian  
Tenison  
Woods



St Marcellin  
Champagnat



Venerable  
Catherine  
McAuley

LET  
YOUR  
*light*  
SHINE

## Monday 15 August - MACKILLOP CELEBRATION DAY

Mackillop

Mackillop students are encouraged to wear their PE uniform and accessorise with ribbons, socks etc to celebrate MacKillop Day.  
Lunchtime activities led by MacKillop Founder Leaders.

## Tuesday 16 August - WOODS CELEBRATION DAY

Woods

Woods students are encouraged to wear their PE uniform and accessorise with ribbons, socks etc to celebrate Woods Day.  
Lunchtime activities led by Woods Founder Leaders.

## Wednesday 17 August - MCAULEY CELEBRATION DAY

McAuley

McAuley students are encouraged to wear their PE uniform and accessorise with ribbons, socks etc to celebrate McAuley Day.  
Lunchtime activities led by McAuley Founder Leaders.

## Thursday 18 August - CHARITY DAY

Charity Day Activities

Charity Day will begin with a Whole School Mass, followed by activities run by Year 12 students in buddy classes in the Barrie Holmes Stadium. Students are encouraged to wear casual clothes and bring gold coin donations. All proceeds donated to Timor-Leste, with Founder points distributed based on dollars raised. Timor-Leste inspired market stalls will sell items for gold coins during lunchtime.

## Friday 19 August - CHAMPAGNAT CELEBRATION DAY

Champagnat

Champagnat students are encouraged to wear their PE uniform and accessorise with ribbons, socks etc to celebrate Champagnat Day.  
Lunchtime activities led by Champagnat Founder Leaders.