

Weekly Newsletter



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Science and Engineering Challenge

On Friday 12 August, students from Years 8 to 10 participated in the Science & Engineering Challenge in the Barrie Holmes Stadium. While usually an annual event put on by the University of Newcastle, this was the first competition to hit the town since 2019, due to the pandemic. The University crew tour the country delivering science and engineering principles in a team-based challenge format. We competed against Grant, Millicent, Bordertown, Naracoorte and St Martins, coming third overall with a young team of enthusiastic students. We give effusive thanks to school parent Jim O'Hehir and Rotary for organising sponsors to cover the cost, making it a free event for the 150+ students involved. As well as contributing monetarily to the event, the many sponsors provided volunteer judges and helpers who gave up their time. Days like these are integral to inspiring the engineers and scientists of the future.

Thanks to UniSA, City of Mount Gambier, Kimberly-Clark, Rotary, Timberlink, Tonkin Consulting, District Council of Grant, District Council of Naracoorte Lucindale, ForestrySA, Australian Gas Infrastructure Group, Beach Energy, Inspiring South Australia, and Chemist King.

Jason de Nys | Science Coordinator and Mathematics Coordinator



From the Principal



Founders Week Fun and Fundraising

This week we are celebrating 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, and the like.

Our Year 12, 9 and 6 Founder leaders are leading a number of lunchtime activities for students that will accumulate house points towards the House Cup.

Tomorrow 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 a Ninja Warrior Spectacular and 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. Students on Thursday are encouraged to wear casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation.

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.

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.

2023 Subject Counselling

The Subject Selection process commenced last week with the release of the 2023 Curriculum Handbooks launched on Tuesday at the Pathways and Careers Expo. The Curriculum Handbooks are now available online as well as the Subject Selection forms that can be downloaded [here](#). Please don't hesitate to contact Scott Dickson or myself regarding the upcoming events for subject selection.

The Senior School Curriculum Information sessions will be taking place during Pastoral Care:

- 25 August: 2023 Year 11 Subject Counselling Presentation
- 1 September: 2023 Year 12 Subject Counselling Presentation

Webchoice entry for 2023 Year 7, 8 & 9 will take place Wednesday 24 August, Thursday 25 August and Friday 26 August.

2023 Subject counselling for 2023 Year 10, 11 & 12 students will be taking place on the following dates & times:

- Thursday 22 and Friday 23 September, Mount Gambier 8:45am to 6:00pm
- Monday 26 September, Penola – 4.15pm to 7.30pm
- Tuesday 27 September, Millicent – 4.15pm to 7.30pm

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

This 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 or I on 8725 5455.

School Crossing Reminders

I remind parents about the 25kmph speed limit through the School Crossing when the lights are flashing or at any time when children are present.

Crossing monitors are on duty from 8:20am – 8:40am in the morning and from 3:10pm – 3:30pm in the afternoon to cross children safely. If a parent or child pedestrian is stopped there, waiting to cross, even before the crossing monitors have arrived please stop and allow them to cross.

As per legislation, you are also asked not to obstruct the crossing, whilst waiting in a line-up of traffic.

We are looking at measures with the City of Mount Gambier to minimise the congestion in and around our carparks, but I ask for your cooperation, presence and patience during these challenging winter weeks.

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 – 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.

Student Exemption Form required for absences over 5 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 Meziniec | Principal

Key Dates

Thursday 18 August

- Charity Day - Casual Clothes
- Whole School Mass - 9:00am
- Eisteddfod Debating Competition
- SAPSASA Soccer

Friday 19 August

- Champagnat Celebration Day
- Eisteddfod Debating Competition
- Years 3-6 Assembly - 2:05pm
- Reception-2 Assembly - 2:40pm
- SAPSASA Soccer

Monday 22 August

- Catholic Schools Open Week
- Book Week
- SAPSASA Golf
- Year 10 PLP Half Day - Session 9
- 2023 Year 7 Subject Selection Finalisation - Millicent - 5:00pm

Tuesday 23 August

- ICAS Science Competition
- 2023 Year 7 Subject Finalisation - Penola - 4:30pm
- Year 7 Subject Finalisation - Naracoorte - 6:30pm

Wednesday 24 August

- Principal's Tour - 9:00am
- Year 7-9 Webchoice 2023 - Wednesday - Thursday
- ICAS Spelling Competiton - 9:00am

CIM Team News



Founders Week

The College has been abuzz this week as our students celebrate Founders Week. It has been wonderful to see students coming together in their house groups to participate in lunchtime activities offered by our student leaders. We have started each day with a virtual liturgy, led by our Founder leaders, that celebrates the story and legacy of our founders. With the MacKillop, Woods and McAuley houses having already celebrated the legacy of their founder, we look forward to celebrating with the Champagnat house on Friday.

Whole School Mass and Charity Day

Tomorrow, we will celebrate Charity Day, focusing on following in the footsteps of our founders and our long-standing connection to Timor-Leste. We will begin the day with our 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 between 50c and \$5 at lunchtime. Students on Thursday are encouraged to wear casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation.

Faith Facts

Did you know the answer to last week's question, "Have you ever wondered who is a parish priest?"

A Parish Priest is a person called to a special role to lead and serve within the Church's parish community. Modelled on the person of Jesus Christ, the parish priest's role includes the preparation and administering of the Sacraments; and offers pastoral leadership to parish communities.

We are very blessed to have two wonderful Priests, Fr Peter Zwaans and Fr Olek Stirrat, serving in our parish and College communities. We thank them for their continued support and ministry.

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



Find out the answer in next week's newsletter!

2022-2023 Sacramental Preparation Program

A reminder that children involved in the current program preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation must attend the first session this Saturday, 20 August, 3:00-4:00pm in St Paul's Hall. Family Interviews are being held this week at St Paul's Hall – please see the email sent by Cisca with your time.

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 11:00am 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 this 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 3 Masses:

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



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



Close Regional Basketball Games!

After last week's gallant performance at District Day Basketball, our Team 1 Boys played in the Regional Day against teams such as Bordertown, Millicent and Naracoorte. Down four players with illness and losing Dane with a hairline fracture in his hand, some Team 2 players stepped up and played in the 5-game tournament. Despite losing all matches, the games were extremely close, and the boys took this as experience and a chance to play a sport they love. It was great to see the boys bond together and play each game with passion and determination.

Huge thanks to Tom Daly for his coaching efforts and Addi Noble, Cooper Clayfield, Maya Anderson and Lily Brook who volunteered their time umpiring.

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sport Coordinator



HPSP Mic'd Up

Over the next several weeks we will be showcasing HPSP Mic'd Up, a series of short videos where we 'Mic Up' the coaches to get an insight into what goes on in a HPSP Specialist class.

We will be highlighting cricket, basketball, soccer, netball and football.

HPSP Mic'd Up! - Soccer

Scott Dickson - Soccer

With nearly 30 years of coaching experience Scott has an outstanding resume that includes local Senior Men's and Women's premierships as well as Junior premierships in both male and female junior competitions.

With experience as a regional coach, at State Country level and as former Head Coach of The Round Ball Academy, Scott brings a wealth of experience in developing talent.

Scott has been fortunate enough to spend time at many highly regarded Academies in both England and Scotland and we are delighted to have this level of experience guiding our students.

Click [here](#) to watch the video.



Check out the Tenison Woods College Facebook Page

Uniform Focus of the Week!

Jewellery

The following items of jewellery may be worn:

- Watch
- Fine gold or silver chain with a small religious symbol
- Sleepers or stud earrings – one per ear in earlobe only

Please note:

- Makeup 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



John Gardner and Ben Hood Visit

On Thursday 11 August we welcomed John Gardner (Shadow Minister for Education) and Ben Hood (College parent and local councillor) to the College.

John & Ben were keen to visit and learn more about the great things that we're doing at the College, from our Early Learning and Community Centre to our Senior School, including Performing Arts, High Performance and our Ecology and Sustainability initiatives.

John and Ben also visited the *Gilap Wangga - Ngula wangingi mraata ba wangingi* - Middle School and also the Poplars Inclusive Education to witness our approach to student pathways and differentiated curriculum.

David Mezinec | Principal



Pathways Expo Success!

We had a great turnout for our 2023 Pathways and Careers Expo! Attendees, exhibitors and staff created an amazing atmosphere on the night.

Please click [here](#) to watch the time-lapse.

2022 Music Eisteddfod

Music students were on the road again for the annual Music Eisteddfod held at the Wehl Street Theatre. Tenison Woods College entered 7 ensembles. Our students stepped up and performed with poise. Expert knowledge of their music and the fabulous team effort was very apparent. I am so pleased to report our placings to you.

Placing	Ensemble	Section and Performance Piece
First Place	Big Band	Secondary School Senior Ensembles "Bluesy 1"
First Place	Concert Band	Open Ensembles - Mixed Combination of Instruments. "Funky Town"
First Place	Saxophone Ensemble	Open Ensembles – Matching Genre of Instruments "Super Mario Theme"
First Place	Junior Saxophone Ensemble	Open Ensembles – Mixed Combination of Instruments "Muppet Show Theme"
First Place	Thunder Drum Corps	Secondary School Senior Ensembles "Bust A Move" and "All For One"
First Place	Storm Drum Corps	Secondary School Junior Ensembles "Beat Café"
Second Place	Brass Ensemble	Secondary School Senior Ensembles "The Rains of Castamere"

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts



Welcoming Exchange Students

We're thrilled to have exchange students Charles, Raul, Manon and Alban at the College as part of the Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Program and Students of the World. Charles, Manon and Alban have joined us from France, while Raul has joined us from Spain.

They're all enjoying their time at the College and loving HPSP Soccer, Basketball, Woodwork, Art and Cooking, as well as the shorter school days compared to their home countries! Great to have you all at our College.



St Francis de Sales College Basketball Exchange

We recently welcomed St Francis de Sales to the College as part of our Basketball Exchange. A great two days of games and training sessions!



Perm-A-Pleat Job Opportunity

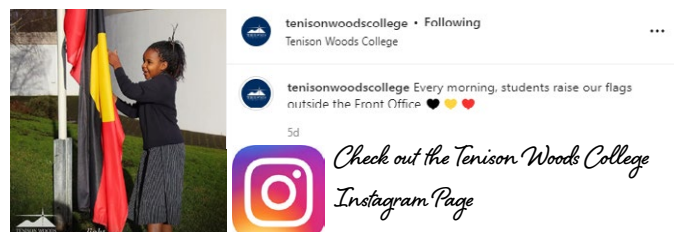
Perm-A-Pleat are seeking candidates for a Casual position in our onsite Perm-A-Pleat Uniform Shop.

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, 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.

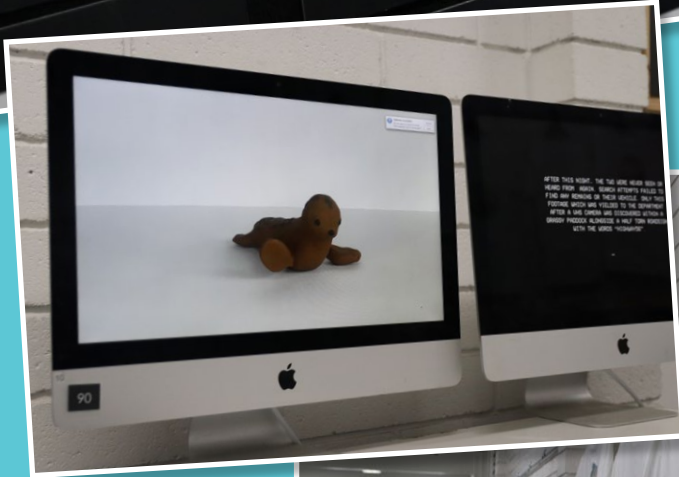


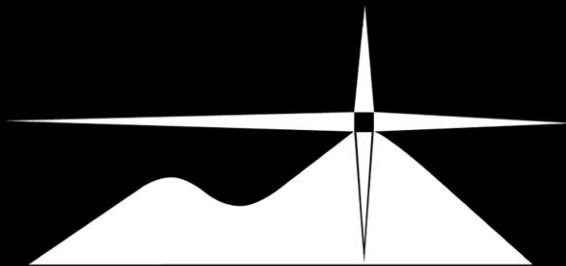
ELCC Learn About Careers In Our Community

The ELCC Kindergarten children are learning about People in the Community who help us. The children went on an excursion to SE Vets where they took their pet dog for emergency care and treatment along with visiting PetBarn to learn how to be responsible pet owners. The children also had a visit from SA Ambulance Officer David who taught them about the importance of an emergency and dialing triple 000."

Angela Cutting | Teacher, Assistant Director of Early Learning

Art Exhibition Sneak-Peek





TENISON WOODS
— COLLEGE —

middle & senior school
presents

art exhibition

a student exhibition featuring
work from
Creative Digital Arts & Visual Arts

15th Aug - 19th Aug

boardroom corridor



Come and vote for the People's Choice Award