

Weekly Newsletter



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Charity Day

On Thursday 18 August we held our annual Charity Day!

The day began with the Whole School Mass in the Barrie Holmes Stadium, with Father Peter inspiring students to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. As the day is a fundraiser for our partnership with Timor-Leste the 10 year anniversary video created was played so the college community could appreciate where the money raised is going to. Year 10 student Dom Gertners then sang his original composition 'Be The One' created in the Music Pathways Gifted and Talented class inspired by Mr Mezinec's theme to students. The performance we all heard at Charity Day was the result of many hours work and is this week's school bell!

An exciting Ninja Warrior event planned by School Captains Tess Kenseley and Riley Turnbull along with the Senior Student Leaders was livestreamed to the gym. Staff and student leaders participated in Ninja Warrior themed challenges to compete for valuable Founder points.

Year 12 students held lots of great activities throughout the day in buddy classes. Students engaged with animals at a petting zoo, table tennis, basketball, just dance, a photo wall, quizzes, slime and biscuit decorating, to name a few.

Many classes at lunchtime ran a variety of stalls with items that they had recycled, created, grown, baked as well as a student-run BBQ, with all money raised going to Timor-Leste.

Thank you to the Australian Fish Market for donating \$100 worth of chips, and to Collins Court Butchers for supplying us with sausages and hamburgers at a discounted price!

We raised a total of **\$4,068.25**, with all profits going to Timor-Leste!



From the Principal



Founders Week and Charity Day – Thanks for the Fun and Fundraising

What a great week! Thank you to all the students, staff and families who contributed to the success of Founders Week, Whole School Mass and Charity Day in support of our sisters and brothers in Timor-Leste.

Thank you to our Year 12, 9 and 6 Founder leaders for leading a number of lunchtime activities for students that accumulated house points towards the Founder's Cup.

The College community appreciated the pre-recorded prayer located in SEQTA on each of the Founder celebration days led by our Years 6, 9 and 12 Founder Leaders, providing a little more insight into each of our Founders.

On Thursday, under the leadership of the school captains, Tess Kenseley and Riley Turnbull, we celebrated Charity Day. We began the day with a Whole School Mass celebrated by Father Peter, who encouraged us to think about those who we encounter in our daily routines and rhythms as if they were Jesus, because as was declared in the Gospel of the day, "whatever you did for these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:46).

So, all in all a great week of community, team spirit and faith in action expressed across the whole Tenison Woods College community – and that is an awesome number of people 'being the one' for those in need!

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 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

Respect, Dignity and Care in an Online World

The current COVID-19 context has underlined the importance of wellbeing and connection, which has been enhanced by our online opportunities. Such opportunities also reiterate for me the importance of our College 'village' in caring for the safety of our children, adolescents and emerging adults in environments which can offer on the one hand abundant support, and then on the other hand significant risks.

In this space I turn to the work of Susan McLean, one of Australia's foremost authorities in cyber safety, who encourages us to realise that:

- Respect and responsibility are to be used with consistency in the eWorld.
- Sending mixed messages about cyber safety is not life giving to children and confuses them.
- You can't have complacency online.
- Cyberspace is a public space and there is no such thing as private online.
- Nothing can be totally deleted – it always remains there in cyberspace.
- You are never anonymous online - everything can be traced, in that you always leave a digital footprint and your postings and comments can be found years later.
- Passwords are the key to your online security and must never be shared and should be changed every three months.
- Anyone can be anyone online – caution is critical.
- There is no such thing as a safe website or application.

Unfortunately, over 30% of Australian teens report being cyber bullied and Susan identifies "a new mean" through the online medium which is occurring at a younger age. She also critiques the role of popular television shows which did not portray the real consequences to such situations of sexting and risky cyber behaviours. It is also apparent that cyber safety issues often touched the students you least expected.

Susan McLean is clear about the significant dangers in relation to online grooming and encourages us to think of an online friend as actually a stranger, with the associated dangers. She clarifies the nuance of knowing the person as distinct from knowing of the person, encouraging children and adolescents to be choosy in relation to friends.

We understand that all internet enabled devices (iPad, phone, iPod, Xbox) are best placed in a common area of the house and not in the bedroom; or at least turning the Internet off when a child is in the bedroom with the device. Susan speaks of the importance of passive supervision in a well trafficked areas of the house.

Just as with the opportunities of our globally connected 'real world,' I encourage parents and teachers to embrace the cyberspace, understand the salient issues, acknowledge positives and negatives, as well as be proactive and consistent so that our children and adolescents are afforded the real and actual life-giving safety that we hope.

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.

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 Mezinec | Principal

Key Dates

Thursday 25 August

- 2023 Year 11 Subject Counselling Presentation - 8:55am
- Year 7 Subject Finalisation - Mount Gambier New Students - 3:30pm

Friday 26 August

- Book Week Parade - 9:00am
- SAPSASA Regional Golf Day

Monday 29 August

- Year 7/8 Knockout Netball Final - 2:00pm
- Whole School Virtual Assembly Week
- Year 11 Retreat - Monday - Wednesday - Halls Gap

Wednesday 31 August

- ICAS Mathematics Competition - 10:15am
- Board Meeting - 7:00pm

CIM Team News



Founders Week and Charity Day

It was wonderful to see students and staff from across the College involved in celebrating their House Founders last week. Our student leaders did a wonderful job leading our whole school virtual liturgies each morning and engaging with students in their houses throughout the week.

On Charity Day, students from across the College set up stalls and a BBQ where students were able to purchase goods at lunch with all donations going directly to our brothers and sisters in Timor-Leste. Unable to visit again this year due to the pandemic, the money raised will greatly impact the communities we have close connections with.

Social Justice Sunday

This Sunday, 28 August, is Social Justice Sunday. The celebration of Social Justice Sunday has a long tradition in the Catholic Church in Australia. Almost every year since 1940, our Bishops have joined together to issue a major social justice statement at this time.

Of course, the Bishops also make statements on matters of social and ecological justice at other times throughout the year too. These are often issued by individual Bishops delegated as spokespersons for particular issues, or by commissions of Bishops. By contrast, the social justice statement issued in time for Social Justice Sunday is approved by and issued in the name of the whole Bishops' conference. It is hoped that these statements will inspire reflection and action throughout the whole year.

The Social Justice Statement for 2022-2023 is titled Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse. You can download the Statement and accompanying prayer card, as well as previous statements, on the Australian Catholic Bishop's website.

Year 11 Retreat

Next week the Year 11 students and staff will travel to Halls Gap for their annual Retreat. The theme of this Retreat is the Human Behind the Mask. The Retreat is an opportunity to spend time together as a year level and to learn more about the story behind each human face. The Retreat allows students to build connections between one another and to reflect on their sense of self and their relationship with God. The Grampians is a wonderful place to connect with the natural environment and spend time reflecting on the world created for us to care for.

Season of Creation

The Season of Creation spans five weeks between the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (1 September) and the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi (4 October). The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together.

During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. This year, amid crises that continue to shake our world, we are awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the season, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation.

The Season of Creation unites the world's 2.2 billion Christians around one shared purpose. With so much injustice all around us, now is the time for Christians everywhere to come together and show the world how to love each other and creation.

2022 Sacramental Preparation Program

A reminder that children involved in the current program preparing for their First Holy Communion must attend Family Session F Thursday, 1 September, 4:30pm OR 6:45pm in 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.

Faith Facts

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

A parish is a local Christian community who come together to live and share the message of Jesus. Catholic schools are part of the Parish.

Tenison Woods College is part of the Mount Gambier Catholic Parish and has a very close working relationship with them.

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



Find out the answer in next week's newsletter.

Family Mass

The next Family Mass will be held on Sunday 28 August at 11:00am at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. The readings at this Mass are led by the children from the Parish and the College. Please contact Cisca Teodoro or myself if you would like to be involved in this. All families in our College community are invited 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 5	Thursday 25 August – Year 5 - POSTPONED
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



Are you an Old Scholar?

Old scholars are an integral part of the history, tradition and future of Tenison Woods College. We invite all old scholars, past parents/caregivers, friends and former staff members to reconnect through our 'Friends of Tenison' committee.

Keep up to date with all the news in the College community. Register your details today, via our [website](#).

HPSP Mic'd Up! - Netball



Donna Denton - Netball

With over 20 years of coaching experience, Donna Denton has coached both Junior and Senior Netball teams across the South East. As a coach of Millicent in the Western Border Netball Association, Donna is also involved in the South East Regional Netball Academy, as well as the Western Border Netball Association representative teams.

She has a wealth of knowledge as a coach and player, and was recently named in SA's top 20 Country Netball Legends. She has a keen passion to develop young Netball talent in the South East and enjoys her time developing the skills of our HPSP Netball students.

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



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



Gabriel Strachan and Kareena Ghosh



Aiden Mustey and Flynn Davison



Nevae Brooksby, Maggie Collins, Bonny de Nys and Ruby Shepherd



Patrick O'Hehir, Patrick Brodie, Reuben van Eyk and Jensen Childs

SHINE fm 'Be the One'

by Year 10 student

Dom Gertners



Week 5 ShineFM Podcast - 'Be the One'

Tune in to our Week 5 edition of the SHINEfm Podcast as Year 10 student, Dom Gertners, introduces his composition 'Be the One' - which featured on our recent Charity Day, and is our current school bell - and talks about his music journey.

Listen on Spotify - <https://spoti.fi/3Cp3ztr>

Or, listen on our website - <https://bit.ly/3PIRfXV>



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Check out the Tenison Woods College
Instagram Page

Students Excel at Maths Quiz Night

We recently sent seven teams across three divisions to compete in the Maths Quiz Night at Penola High School.

The event is one of several ran across the state by the Mathematical Association of South Australia (MASA) and takes the format of three rounds of Mathematical and General Knowledge questions and puzzles. The pace is quick and there is a lot of pressure on the teams to complete the questions before the round is up.

Prizes were awarded to the best Mathematics, General Knowledge and overall teams in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions. Our students were very successful, coming back with 4 of the 9 prizes on the night in competitions with Mount Gambier High School, Penola High School, and St Martins Lutheran College:

- Year 7 students Gabriel Strachan and Kareena Ghosh won the Junior Division (7/8) Mathematics prize, a feat made all the more impressive for a duo of Year 7 students against teams of up to four Year 8 students.
- Year 8 students Nevae Brooksby, Maggie Collins, Bonny de Nys and Ruby Shepherd brought home the Overall Best Junior Team award.
- The Year 12 team of Flynn Davison and Aiden Mustey, again as a team of just two, won the Senior Division (11/12) Mathematics prize.
- Year 12 students Patrick O'Hehir, Patrick Brodie, Reuben van Eyk and Jensen Childs were well-clear of the opposition and won Best Overall.

Our Year 9 Intermediate teams put in an outstanding effort but could not quite match the Year 10 teams who had a greater depth of experience.



Ronan Fox, Xavier Georgiou and Riley Hoppood



Isabelle Neumann, Adelaide Bradley and Jake Parker



James Taylor, Fred Grey-Smith and Charlie Hinchliffe



Sarah van Rijthoven, Ashley de Jong and Liam Nott

Debating Eisteddfod

After two years of forced cancellations due to COVID, it was with no small sense of excitement that five teams across six year levels participated at the Mount Gambier Eisteddfod Debating at Wehl St Theatre last week. With the pandemic limiting opportunities for debating, this was the first time that our Primary and Junior Secondary students had participated in an 'official' debate against other schools. As such, there were plenty of nerves on the day of each debate!

We began on Wednesday with the Primary Division. The Year 6 team of Riley Hoppood, Xavier Georgiou and Ronan Fox put on an entertaining argument 'That school uniform should be optional' and were awarded the win. Thanks to Mrs Kristie Bateman for coaching this team. Thursday saw two teams entering the Junior Secondary divisions. We took the negative on 'That Hogwarts is the ideal school', with strong performances from Isabelle Neumann, Jake Parker and the late substitute, Adelaide Bradley, although they were defeated by the narrowest of margins. The second team of James Taylor, Charlie Hinchliffe and Fred Grey-Smith argued the negative 'that beauty is more useful than brains', presenting a well-researched and thoughtful argument, and were perhaps unlucky to be narrowly defeated.

The Senior Secondary Division was held on the Friday, with two teams presenting. The first debate, 'that humanity is the next dinosaur' was presented by Liam Nott, Ash de Jong and Sarah van Rijthoven. In an entertaining and fast-moving debate, the team successfully engaged the audience with humour and a strong knowledge of their topic and were awarded a victory. The second topic: 'that it is better to be one of the crowd' proved to be the most fiercely contested, with speakers on both sides presenting strong arguments. In the end, persuasive speeches by Flynn Davison and Mariam Kassim, along with excellent and sustained rebuttal from Campbell Fox, saw the team not only win their debate but win the division as best team. Campbell Fox was also awarded best speaker for the division.

The most pleasing aspect of the process this year was the number of new debaters willing to challenge themselves and step out of their comfort zones onto stage (often for the first time). Debating is a skill which takes years to master, and these students are all on the way. I encourage students interested in extending themselves and their confidence to try out the Debate Club, which meets every Wednesday at lunch, upstairs in the PRC.

Adam Taylor | Teacher / Debating Coach



Check out the Tenison Woods College Facebook Page



Year 3's Learn Neuroplasticity

Mrs Dickson is teaching a Year 3 class all about Neuroplasticity! They are learning about the brain, the parts and names of the brain and what jobs they all play. The students made a plasticine model of a brain and labelled parts. They are also reading the picture book 'Your Fantastic Elastic Brain' and how your brain is stretched and neurones connect when you learn new things, and also what role mistakes make in learning new skills. They investigated pictures of neurones firing when we learn new things. The students are also looking at how our brains support us being regulated, grounded and understanding our emotions and feelings.

Francesca Dickson | Head of Junior School R-6



Year 12 Student Wins Bursary Award!

Congratulations to Year 12 student, Maixence Williams, as she has won the Women in Seafood Australasia \$5000 bursary!

Maixence works as a deckhand on a commercial lobster fishing vessel, and factory hand and buyer for Williams Seafoods, while also working toward her Coxswain Grade II Near Coastal qualification.

The bursary, funded through the Department of Primary Industries and Regions, is awarded to a South Australian woman in seafood who is passionate about their work and the industry and keen to develop their networks, connections, skills and capacity.

The bursary is an opportunity for participation in the Seafood Directions conference in Brisbane in mid-September, where Maixence will be mentored throughout the three-day conference and attend Women in Seafood Australasia-specific workshops and events.

Fantastic work, Maixence!

Maixence is pictured with Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Clare Scriven. Photo courtesy of The Border Watch.

You can also read the Border Watch's article on Maixence here: <https://bit.ly/3c8oNBj>



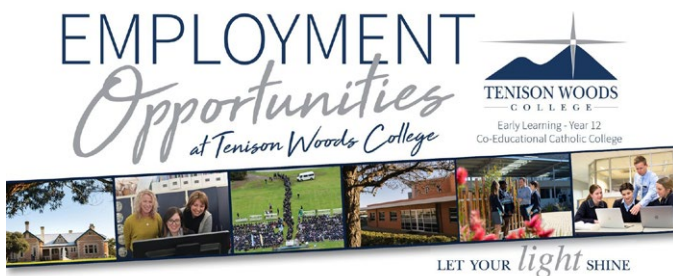
Marine Biology Incursion

Students in Year 9 Future Thinking, plus one Year 7 and Year 8 class, recently enjoyed a session on 'Finding the Fab Five', from Adelaide University marine biologists to explore and discover our Australian Marine Parks.

They explored our local South Australian Marine Parks and the animals that inhabit it. Students then represented their learning to create a poster promoting the 'Fab Five'.

Some of the art work will be sent to Adelaide and will represent Tenison in an online virtual exhibition. Well done to all students involved!

Vette Sims | 7/8 Teaching Learning Coordinator



Employment Opportunities

Tenison Woods College is a dynamic Early Years - 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 suitably qualified staff for permanent teaching positions in the following teaching areas, or a combination of these areas, to commence in January 2023.

- Years 7-9 Creative Digital Arts
- Years 7-9 Future Thinking (Mathematics/Science) Teacher
- Years 7-9 Global Perspectives (Religious Education, English, HASS) Teacher
- Years 7-12 Art & Visual Arts Teacher
- Years 7-12 Design & Tech (Wood, Metal and Plastic) Teacher
- Years 7-12 Drama Teacher
- Years 7-12 Media Arts Teacher
- Years 10-12 English Teacher
- Years 10-12 Business & Economics Teacher
- Years 10-12 Mathematics Teacher
- Years 11-12 Psychology Teacher

For further information and Position Information Documents, please visit: <http://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/our-college/employment>

Applications close 4:00pm Monday, 19 September 2022.



SAPSASA News

We wish all the Tenison Woods College participants who are trying out for SAPSASA tennis all the best.

We are encouraging any Year 5/6 students – boys and girls to consider trying out for SAPSASA cricket. To nominate, please complete the online form which can be accessed [here](#) or through the QR code above.

SAPSASA Golf

The annual SAPSASA golf tournament was held this term with Jack Humphries, Ben Reichelt, Harry Window and Levi Staude representing Tenison Woods College. Penola Golf Club held a very successful tournament despite the rather soggy conditions! Well done to all of the boys and girls who gave it a go, and a huge vote of thanks to the parents and grandparents who supported the kids. We congratulate Ben and Jack for progressing through to the next round.



SAPSASA Soccer

Last week TWC had seven representatives at the annual SAPSASA soccer state carnival. The girls had an outstanding three days, winning six out of their seven games and clinching the state title. The boys had some stiff competition and some close matches, scoring two wins, two draws and four losses. As always, these tournaments are full of fun and a great way to learn more skills and make lots of new friends. Well done to you all!!

Tina Opperman | Year 5 Teacher / R-6 Sports 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

Charity Day Fun!



MacKillop Celebration Day



Champagnat Celebration Day

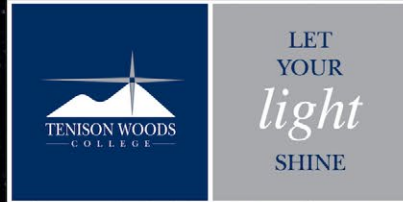


Woods Celebration Day



McAuley Celebration Day





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AND A DRINK TO CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIPS & MEMORIES

GET A GROUP TOGETHER TO MAKE A
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**City Hall, Main Corner Mount Gambier
ANYTIME BETWEEN 5:00PM - 8:00PM**

Get your free ticket here:

<https://bit.ly/3dGj8m9>

***Drinks available
for purchase***

Local Area Coordination Place-based Sessions

Mission Australia is the NDIS Partner delivering Local Area Coordination Services in your area and will be based at your school to provide information, support and answer questions about:

- Mission Australia and the services they offer
- What services are available for people with disability
- Understanding the NDIS and eligibility, NDIS plan applications and reviews
- Accessing supports and services for those not eligible for the NDIS, or who do not wish to access the Scheme

Tenison Woods College, Mount Gambier

1.45-4.45pm

Tuesday 2nd August 2022 (Term 3 Week 2)

Tuesday 30th August 2022 (Term 3 Week 6)

Tuesday 25th October 2022 (Term 4 Week 2)

Tuesday 22nd November 2022 (Term 4 Week 6)

No need to register, come along and have a chat



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