

Weekly Newsletter

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 **Public Holiday - TOMORROW**
Thursday 22 September

Term 3 Closure Times, Friday 30 September
2:15pm: Junior School
2:20pm: Middle and Senior School



Sacrament Celebrations

Congratulations to all of the children who celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last weekend and this coming weekend. Cisca Teodoro and I would like to thank all of the families for their commitment to the program throughout the year. It has been an absolute privilege to be on this journey with you all and to witness the children growing in their knowledge and faith. We look forward to seeing the children continue their full and active participation in the life of the Church.

We would also like to thank Fr Peter for his leadership throughout the preparation program and to Fr Olek for supporting our families. We appreciate the time you have dedicated to being actively involved in the preparation of the children and for the support you have given the parents as the first educators, in faith, of their children.

We congratulate the following students as they received the real presence of Christ our Saviour, as our Bread of Life, in their First Holy Communion:

Oscar Benjamin
Paddy Bouchier
Davyd Davydiuk
Harper Grubb
Sebastian Grubb
Amelia Holmes

Maria Sofia Hoskings
Jack Koopman
Archie Marlow
Esther Mbuyu
Anya Moors
Konrad Moors

Thomas Pedler
Amber Pohlner
Louis Prosperi-Porta
Madison Ras
Digby Stephens
Molly Sutton

Sabine Teodoro
William Walkom
Isla Whitaker
Owen Whitaker
Hudson Zwar

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



From the Principal



The Sacrament First Eucharist

The significant celebrations of First Eucharist occurred at the Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm and 11.00am Mass on Sunday at the St Paul's Catholic Church.

Our prayers and best wishes are extended to these children and their families at this significant time in their faith journey.

International Day of Peace - End racism. Build peace

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

We understand that achieving true peace entails much more than laying down arms. It requires the building of societies where all members feel that they can flourish. It involves creating a world in which people are treated equally, regardless of their race. As Secretary-General António Guterres has said:

"Racism continues to poison institutions, social structures, and everyday life in every society. It continues to be a driver of persistent inequality. And it continues to deny people their fundamental human rights. It destabilizes societies, undermines democracies, erodes the legitimacy of governments, and ... the linkages between racism and gender inequality are unmistakable."

We all have a role to play in fostering peace. And tackling racism is a crucial way to contribute.

We can work to dismantle the structures that entrench racism in our midst. We can support movements for equality and human rights everywhere. We can speak out against hate speech – both offline and online. We can promote anti-racism through education and reparatory justice.

Through the 2022 theme for the International Day of Peace "End racism. Build peace" we are invited to join the efforts of the United Nations as they work towards a world free of racism and racial discrimination; a world where compassion and empathy overcome suspicion and hatred and a world that we can truly be proud of.

Prayer for Peace

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi

Public Holiday – 22 September

I remind families that tomorrow, Thursday 22 September will be a Public Holiday to mark the passing to eternal life of Queen Elizabeth II. We acknowledge the leadership and contribution of Queen Elizabeth to our Australian nation and indeed our world community.

RCIA - For Those Interested In Becoming Catholic

What is it?

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It is a time of enquiry into the Catholic faith for those adults who are either never baptised, baptised into another Christian denomination, or those adults who are baptised Catholic but who have not received either confirmation or First Holy Communion. It is an opportunity to explore, enquire and ask questions.

When is it?

It will commence Wednesday 28 September and will meet fortnightly, leading up to Easter 2023. The meetings will be led by Fr Peter and Fr Olek and supported by others who have been through the process.

Who is it for?

Those who have thought about becoming Catholic. Catholics who wish to complete their initiation (with Confirmation and/or Holy Communion). Coming to RCIA is the beginning of enquiry, not the end, so even if you're unsure about wanting to be received into the church, come along.

For more information, or to express interest in participating, please contact Fr Peter (pp@mtgcatholic.org.au) or Fr Olek (ap@mtgcatholic.org.au)

Year 9 PE Uniform Trial

In Weeks 9 & 10 we will be trialling a new approach with our Year 9 students and their Physical Education Uniform. As we currently allow the Year 7 and 8 students, our Year 9's will now be allowed to wear their PE Uniform on the two days a week that they have their timetabled HPE lessons. Students have shown respect for their PE Uniform and have voiced opinions about changing the approach.

We are hopeful that this will be a successful change for the students and that they will continue to wear their uniform appropriately and on the designated days. A successful trial will then enable a transition to a more substantive approach in relation to the wearing of the PE Uniform on days of HPE.

Catch Up, Reunite, Connect – Together Again

The Friends of Tenison Woods College (Old Scholars Association) is very pleased to announce the Catch Up, Reunite, Connect Function on Saturday 15th October, 2022.

We invite you to come for a chat and a drink to celebrate friendships and memories. Why not get a group together to make a dinner booking afterwards?

Join us at the City Hall, Main Corner Mount Gambier anytime between 5:00pm and 8:00pm to view memorabilia that captures the various iterations of our wonderful College community, catch up with fellow friends of the College and look to the future with confidence.

BYOD – YEAR 6 Families, ready for Year 7 in 2023

As the year flies by and we look to 2022, I remind families that if they are thinking about purchasing a device for next year, just check out our Bring Your Own Device page on our website [here](#).

You can also find this page in SEQTA Engage by choosing the Portals option and selecting BYOD Parent / Guardian Information.

With the current COVID-19 situation and associated wait times for products we encourage families to think about their child's needs a little earlier than they might to ensure that the device is ready for the start of 2021.

Uniform Reminder – Extreme Hair

I remind families of the College policy in relation to uniform, and particularly students' hair.

Expectations:

Hair is to be clean and brushed or combed to maintain a neat and tidy appearance. Hair is also to be of a singular natural colour. All student hair, male and female, is to be tied up and secured neatly if at a length that can be pulled back. Students are not to have dreadlocks, rat's tails or other extreme styles and if a student's head is shaved, it is to be a minimum number two cut."

I further clarify that in a practical sense the College Leadership determine that hair which touches the collar of either the school shirt or school dress, would normally be tied up. This satisfies our duty of care, hygiene and Work Health and Safety obligations.

I further clarify for students and parents, the following haircuts are deemed as extreme: mullets of inappropriate length, rats tails, dreadlocks, mohawks, extreme uneven grades, extreme undercuts, and patterns or designs shaved into the hair.

I thank families in anticipation for your support in this matter. As I have often indicated, attention to the detail of clear and safe boundaries ensures that the larger issues do not eventuate in a school community.

God Bless,

David Mezinic | Principal

CIM Team News



2022-2023 Sacramental Preparation Program – CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME

A reminder that children enrolled in the program preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation must attend the preparation session this Sunday 25 September from 1:00-2:00pm in St Paul's Hall. All children must bring their folder and a pen or pencil. One parent will need to be in attendance with their child at this session.

Season of Creation

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 the continued crises that have shaken our world, we are awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the Season of Creation this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope for our earth, that requires new ways of living and caring for 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.

At Tenison Woods College our Sustainability focus is grounded in our relationship with our Creator. During the Season of Creation each year we take time to take stock of our wonderful achievements as our preferred future. We are reminded of our call to ecological conversion and the 2021-22 Social Justice Statement Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor is a reminder of this call.

I encourage all members of our College community to explore the Laudato Si' Action Platform, putting Pope Francis' encyclical into practice, making communities around the world totally sustainable in the spirit of the integral ecology of Laudato Si'. For further information, please see [here](#).

Andrew Chinn Workshops and Concert

Today, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, visited the College to share his songs with our children. All children in the Junior School participated in song workshops throughout the day, culminating with a concert of the songs in the afternoon. Andrew's songs, such as *These Hands* are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, the USA and Canada. For more information and photos of the day, please see next week's newsletter.

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:

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| Week 9 | Thursday 22 September – Year 10 |
| | CANCELLED DUE TO PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| Week 10 | Thursday 29 September – Year 4 |

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator

Key Dates

Thursday 22 September

- Public Holiday - Commemorating Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Friday 23 September

- SAPSASA Track and Field Championships
- Vinnies Badge Day
- Year 1 Penola Excursion - 9:00am
- Year 5 Mass - 9:00am
- 2023 Subject Counselling

Monday 26 September

- 2023 Subject Counselling - Penola - 4:30pm

Tuesday 27 September

- Stage 1 Outdoor Ed Camp - Tuesday - Friday
- Year 7/8 Boys Soccer - 12:00pm
- Year 2 Liturgy - 10:15am
- 2023 Subject Counselling - Millicent - 4:30pm

Friday 30 September

- Team Colour Day
- R-6 Early Finish 2:15pm
- Years 7-12 Early Finish 2:20pm



Acknowledging Queen Elizabeth II

It's with great sadness that we acknowledge the recent passing of Queen Elizabeth II. During her funeral we payed our respects to Her Majesty with the rest of the nation and the world.

Queen Elizabeth and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Mount Gambier in 1954 as part of their Australian tour. The Royal Party made their way to Vansittart Park for a reception in front of more than 6,000 school children and spectators, before driving past the Hospital and the Blue Lake.

Photo:

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh touring the Blue Lake 1954.
Credit: Les Hill Photographic Collection, Mount Gambier Library.



Week 9 ShineFM Podcast - Josh Cutting - TWC's Rockstar

Tune in to our Term 3, Week 9 edition of the SHINEfm Podcast as Year 11 student, Josh Cutting, introduces his song 'RUN' created with his band 'Republic Salad' - which was entered in the recent 2022 triple j Unearthed High competition - and talks about his music journey.

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

Or, listen via direct link here - <https://bit.ly/3UpEVzw>



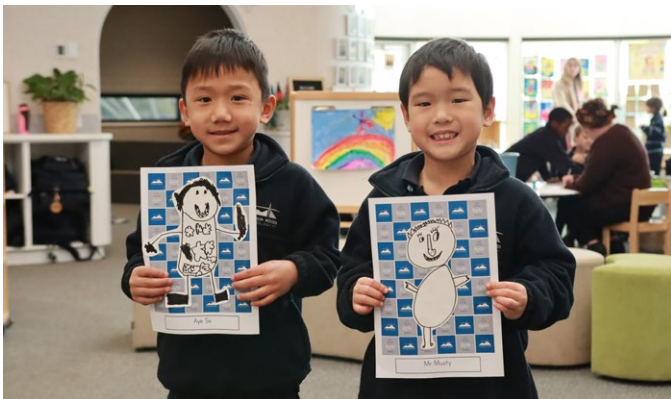
Year 5 Band Immersion

Last week, Year 5 students from St John's Grammar School visited the region with a fantastic effort of collaboration between the music departments of both schools.

Thanks to the efforts of the Year 5 teachers, our students were able to meet and play alongside a buddy from St John's as they rehearsed and performed 'George of the Jungle' and 'Shark Attack'. The whole event was able to be caught on camera to the delight of students and staff who were present!

We would like to thank the music teachers and members of the Big Band ensemble for all their efforts in supporting these budding musicians, as well as all supporting staff who were present.

Tameka Nube | Music Teacher



Special People in our College Community

This Term, Reception students have been learning about Special People and Special Places. Mrs Jeffrey and my class talked about how Tenison Woods College is such a special place in our lives, filled with special people who help to make us SHINE. Each student chose one special person in our College community to draw and display in our classroom.

We feel very grateful for all the special people in our school!

Rachelle Sullivan | Junior School Teacher

Perm-A-Pleat Uniform Shop News

We have a new updated website. It now includes images of items being ordered to make online ordering a lot easier! Click [here](#) to see our new and improved website!

Our School Holiday opening hours are as below:

- Tuesday 11 October 8:00am - 12:00pm
- Thursday 22 October 12:30pm - 4:30pm

Kylie and Alana | Perm-A-Pleat Uniform Shop



Hot Shots Tennis

Perfect weather greeted us at the Olympic Park Tennis Courts for the annual Hot Shots Tennis Carnival.

Schools from around Mount Gambier played a series of round robin games, with the emphasis on learning new tennis skills, making new friends and showing good sportsmanship. We took 20 students from Years 3-6 to the tournament and all students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, with Chelsea Rogers from Year 6 winning the best sportsmanship award.

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator

SAPSASA Tennis and Cricket

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate the following students on their selection into the LSE SAPSASA tennis and cricket teams. They will be travelling to Adelaide next term to compete.

Cricket:

Year 5 – Joel Clayfield

Year 6 – Paddy Sigley, Austin Smith and Isaac Salmon

Tennis:

Year 5 – Annabell

Year 6 – Zara Cole and Henry Kentish

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator



Dino Day!

Year 1 students enjoyed a 'Dino Day!' Students took on the role of a palaeontologist and excavated bones from the sand pit, then used detective skills to think about what dinosaur it came from and where on the body it would have been from.

Students looked at skeletons and used them to create a dinosaur, just as a palaeontologist would to understand what shapes and features dinosaurs would have. Finally, they used salt dough to create fossils and understand the impression formation and the information that is gained from them!

Nicola Dunn | Year 1 Teacher



Senior Poplars Music

Students from the Senior Poplars class have been actively engaged in their weekly music lessons. Earlier in the term they were given the task of selecting a song that they all knew. The students have had the opportunity to learn a range of instruments and use digital technologies to play along with this song whilst exploring pitch, beat and rhythm.

Sally Telford | Junior School Teacher



Division B Netball Carnival

Students recently competed in the Division B Netball Carnival at Olympic Park.

The girls played well all day rotating between different positions. They played against Millicent High School, St Martins Lutheran College, Lucindale, Grant High School and Mount Gambier High School.

A big thank you to the Year 9 High Performance Netball class for umpiring. A great day out!

Brooke Hicks | Teacher



Tom Linnell Receives Churchill Fellowship Award

College Sustainability Coordinator, Tom Linnell, has been awarded a 2022 Churchill Fellowship by the Winston Churchill Trust! Tom's award is recognition for his previous and ongoing efforts in redefining sustainability-based educational experiences for young people. Tom credits the recognition of the Trust to the Tenison Woods College community for their active role in preferencing a more sustainable future.

Tom works closely with students from our Early Learning & Community Centre to Senior School, as well as our College community to drive important conversations about sustainability, climate change and ecological values, most recently in connecting circular economy principles to student learning.

"In recent years, the term 'circular economy' has been adopted as a potential way to flip society's addiction to the take, make, waste model. Schools, as a central pillar in Australian communities, have the ability to be a beacon of change and test innovative solutions, with young people playing a role in building a more sustainable future."

Tom will now begin planning travel across the Nordic region to investigate the role circular economy education can play in minimising waste to landfill in 2023. Congratulations on your outstanding achievement, Tom!



Languages Professional Development

On September 13 and 14, myself and Mr Giovanni Calandro attended a Languages Professional Development in Adelaide. The Professional Development was conducted by Dr Gianfranco Conte, a multilingual languages expert.

On Wednesday, we had time with Dr Conte to refresh our knowledge from a previous course delivered online by him in 2021. On Thursday, we had the opportunity to practice what we learnt in the previous sessions to further expand our knowledge of the extensive processing instructions method (EP), a fun experience as we turned into students of the Malaysian language for two hours.

This was not only an opportunity to learn from one of the world's most influential linguists, but also a different perspective on modern languages teaching and learning in the contemporary Australian middle and senior schools.

Patrizia Viola | Italian Teacher and Languages Coordinator

Market Garden Stall - Next Tuesday

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden has fresh produce and seedlings available at our market garden stall.

The stall will take place on **Tuesday 27 September from 3:15pm - 3:40pm** on the lawns (kiss and drop) at the front of the College. Seedlings will be for sale for \$2 and we are asking for a gold coin donation for other items, with all proceeds going back into the SAKG program.

Donna Johnson, Adam Maxwell and Jen McCourt





Rafael Rigopoulis Secures Plumbing Apprenticeship

Congratulations to Year 10 student, Rafael Rigopoulis, who has secured a Certificate III Plumbing Apprenticeship with Ross Stafford Plumbing & Roofing!

Rafael impressed during his week of work experience, which led to him being offered his apprenticeship. Rafael's roles include roofing, changing pipes, gas installation and copper fitting. He will work 2 days a week with his apprenticeship, with the other 3 days at school.

Congratulations, Rafael! We wish you all the best in your bright future.

Pictured is Head of Senior School Ciaran Buckley, Rafael, father Leon, and VET Coordinator Sharon Brodie.

NAPLAN Results

Parents and Carers please note that the 2022 NAPLAN results are being sent home with Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students this week. They will be in an A4 sized envelope.

Contact your child's HG teacher or Chris Lloyd, the Online Assessment Coordinator, if you do not receive the results by Friday afternoon.

Please also contact relevant teachers to discuss any concerns or questions you may have upon receipt of the results. Please remember that NAPLAN offers a 'snapshot' of your child's skills on particular days in Term 2 when the tests take place. Teachers use many other assessment tools to plan optimal learning experiences for your child.

Further information for parents/carers can be found [here](#).

Chris Lloyd | Online Assessment Coordinator

Spring Brunch

On Sunday 18 September, our Academy of Hospitality students ran the café for a Spring Brunch! Students offered a wide range of delicious food for the event; scrambled eggs, panna cotta, pastries and waffles were a few of the menu choices for the event. A perfect way to showcase the great talents of our Hospitality students!

Jen Mc Court | VET Academy of Hospitality Teacher

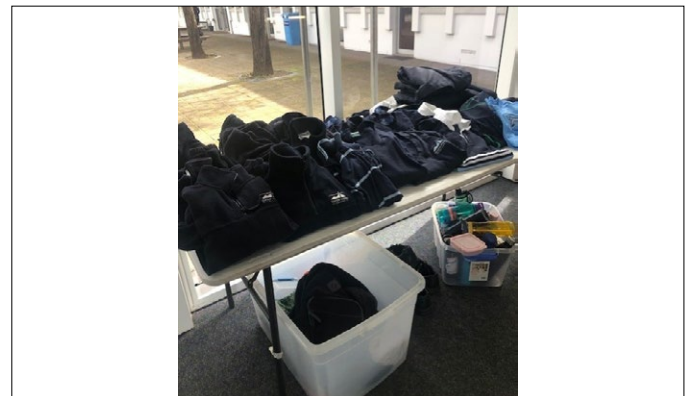


Student Selected for U18 State Rugby League!

Year 10 student, Hayden Tickle, was selected by NRL SA to play in U18's State Rugby League for the Metro Invitational Junior Representative Squad! They played Victorian U18 team, Sunraysia, at Hanson Reserve in Adelaide.

The game took place on Saturday 17 September, and although they went down 24-18, they played a fantastic game. Hayden loved the experience as it gave him a great amount of confidence in his ability as a footballer.

An outstanding achievement!



Lost Property!

There is array of items on the table in front office waiting collection some include: Rugby Tops, Woolen jumpers, sports tops, 3 pairs of black shoes, rain jackets, hats, drink bottles and much more.

Please come in and have a look.

Trudi Dempsey | WHS Coordinator



Music Showcase

Music students and staff put on a spectacular performance last night at the 2022 Music Showcase held at Casadio Park.

The audience was entertained by the following ensembles:

The Wizard of Oz Musical Band
Brass Ensemble

Concert Choir
Concert Band

Senior Boy's Ensemble
Saxophone Ensemble

Senior Vocal Ensemble
Thunder Drum Corps

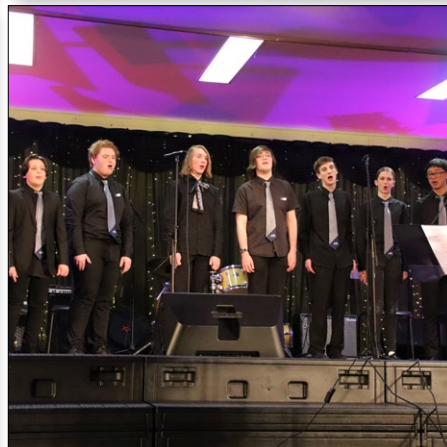
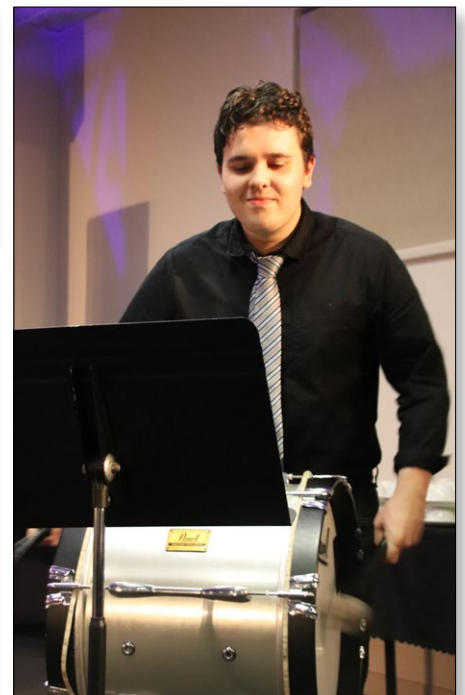
Small Jazz Ensemble
Big Band

Special mention of the composition skills on display through out the night from Dom Gertners, Gabriel Strachan for their "Be The One" compositions and Ryan Creedy for his Drum Corp "Early Warning".

A huge thank you everyone that attended and supported our amazing music students. Thanks also to the Friends of Music parent committee for their ongoing support and to Casadio Park for the amazing food and hospitality.

The food, entertainment and company was extraordinary and we cannot wait until we get to do this again next year!

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts



The Production

We invite our College Community to attend 'The Production', which will feature performances from Certificate II, III and IV Dance students from Tenison Woods College, St Martins Lutheran College and Mount Gambier High School.

Featuring Tenison Woods College Students
Jemma Jarnevic and Bree Robinson

FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start

Wehl Street Theatre (7 Wehl Street South)

Run Time: 1 Hour

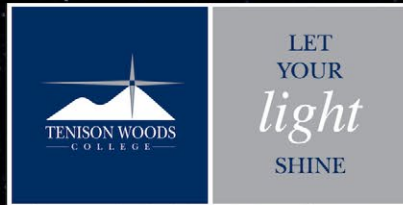
Ticket Prices: Adult: \$15 - U/12: \$10 - U/5: Free



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AND A DRINK TO CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIPS & MEMORIES

GET A GROUP TOGETHER TO MAKE A
DINNER BOOKING AFTERWARDS!

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15TH
OCT
2022**

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ANYTIME BETWEEN 5:00PM - 8:00PM**

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