

Weekly Newsletter



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END OF TERM 3, Friday 30 September

2:15pm: Junior School. 2:20pm: Middle and Senior School

Week 1, Term 4 - Friday 21 October STUDENT FREE DAY

Time For a Break, and a Catch-up

Principal David Meziniec talking to staff and students about our upcoming event Together Again.

As Term 3 comes to a close and weary heads are in need of some recharging, we wish everyone a restful break.

Before we commence the hustle and bustle of Term 4, we are inviting our community to join us for a social outing on Saturday 15 October. We will be holding an all-inclusive event for current and past staff, students and families to attend.

The **free** event will be held at City Hall, Main Corner from 5pm-8pm. Bar services will be available and light food will be offered. The idea of the evening is to get some friends together, catch-up and perhaps even make a night of it by heading out for dinner and drinks after the event.

There will be the opportunity to see some past memorabilia and discuss future plans for the College, or simply just have a chat with those in our community.

We look forward to having you there and ask that you please register your interest [here](#).



From the Principal



Thank you for a Wonderful Term of "Being the One."

As we conclude Term 3, I offer a sincere thanks to all the students, staff, parents, and carer-givers who have played their part in Term 3 to ensure, despite the challenges of COVID-19 we have thrived as a College community. Tenison Woods College is a place where every learner has a place, every learner a pathway and every learner shines. We also understand that such a call to service is our daily challenge, and often our daily celebration. And this term there has been plenty to celebrate!

I am further delighted about the range of planning and delivery that has occurred this term in evolving further our exciting, nuanced curriculum offerings this year. I thank staff for their insights, creativity, and commitment to offer the best possible integrated learning experiences to our young.

So, thank you to the many students, staff, parents, and caregivers who have played their part in the success of day-to-day learning experiences, as well as the planning for our preferred future as a Catholic school community of excellence, achievement, and care.

From The Principal *continued...*

Leaving Families Thank You Celebration

I am delighted that on Thursday 29 September we will take time to say farewell to a number of families who will complete their formal association with the College given that their last child is currently in Year 12.

During the evening I will thank families for the trust they have shown in the College over several years. They have shared an outstanding journey with Tenison Woods College, and the College's success is in no small way due to their partnership with the school. The College appreciates the loyalty of families to the school, for challenging us to be the best we can be, for acknowledging our successes and for forgiving when we 'dropped the ball.'

I also thank the families for the legacy they have left other families – the legacy of outstanding facilities, the legacy of outstanding achievement, but most of all the legacy of an outstandingly pastoral community, where people feel welcomed, safe, and respected. Other families will stand on their shoulders, on what they have helped create.

Many of these families have had a long association with the College and I am thrilled to celebrate with them and also thank those families who have committed many years to Catholic education in our region.

RCIA - For Those Interested In Becoming Catholic – Tonight 28th September *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)

Team Colours Day - This Friday 30 September

Students are invited to wear their team colours this Friday 30 September, in support of their favourite sports team.

Year 9 PE Uniform Trial

During In Weeks 9 & 10 we have been 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

As outlined on the front page, the Friends of Tenison Woods College (Old Scholars Association) is very pleased to announce the Catch Up, Reunite, Connect Function on Saturday 15 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 2023, 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 2023.

Uniform Reminder – Extreme Hair

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

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.

Friday 21 October - Student Free Day (Mount Gambier Show Day)

I wish to remind families of the Student Free Day at the end of Week 1, Term 4 Friday 21 October. This Student Free day aligns with the Mount Gambier Show. OSHC Facilities will be available on this day. Please email: oshc@tenison.catholic.edu.au for bookings, or phone the College directly.

Key dates for the commencement of 2023:

A full list of 2023 key dates will follow soon, but to assist with planning I inform our College community of dates to commence the 2023 academic year:

Wednesday 25 January 2023	All Teaching Staff commence
Thursday 26 January 2023	Australia Day Public Holiday
Friday 28 January 2023	Book collection day and Staff planning day
Monday 30 January 2023	Reception, Years 7, 10,11 and 12 commence Term 1.
Tuesday 31 January 2023	All other students commence Term 1.

God Bless,

David Mezinic | Principal

Class Placements for 2023

Planning for 2023 classes is about to begin in both the Junior and Middle Schools. Staff give deep and careful consideration to the class placement of students, ensuring the best and most informed educational and wellbeing decisions are made. At the beginning of Term 4, Junior and Middle School students will receive a note from their homegroup teacher regarding this process; please ensure that you discuss this with your child, sign and return the relevant section. If you feel there are exceptional and valid circumstances for your child that need to be considered, please address these in writing to Francesca Dickson, Head of Junior School Reception to Year 6 at francesca.dickson@tenison.catholic.edu.au or Nick Patzel, Head of Middle School (Years 7 - 9) at patzn@tenison.catholic.edu.au by Friday 21 October 2022 (end of Week 2, Term 4). Please note that requests for specific teachers are unable to be considered.

Francesca Dickson | Head of Junior School

Nick Patzel | Head of Middle School

CIM Team News



Vinnies Badge Day

Last Friday, our students and staff were at She's Apples and Coles raising money for the annual Vinnies Badge Day.

Despite the cold start, students had their biggest smiles and cheeriest greetings with collection tins and a Tap 'n' Pay machine, collecting donations for people most in need in our community.



Each day, the St Vincent de Paul Society has thousands of people approach them for help and assistance. The efforts of the College community through supporting events such as Badge Day and through opening the shop on Crouch Street on Saturday mornings really does make a difference. The money collected by our students on Friday will greatly benefit those in the Limestone Coast.

Stay tuned next term to see how much money was collected throughout the day!



Andrew Chinn Visit

Last week on Wednesday, we were delighted to host Andrew Chinn, an acclaimed Catholic singer and songwriter.

Andrew's songs such as *These Hands*, *Hamba Gahle*, and *Let Your Light Shine* are a huge hit with our students from ELCC to Year 12. The ELCC and Junior School students, as well as our Year 2-4 choir students, were lucky enough to spend time with Andrew throughout the day participating in workshops, which culminated in a special concert for family and friends at the end of the day. Our students were lucky enough to learn a new song which was a real hit.

Make sure you listen to this week's SHINEfm Podcast where Andrew reflects on his time with our College community.

2022-2023 Sacramental Program

The Tenison Woods College and Mount Gambier Catholic Parish children involved in the 2022-2023 Sacramental Program will be celebrating their first Reconciliation tomorrow, Thursday 29 September. We keep these students in our prayers as they take the next step in their journey to full initiation into the Catholic Church.

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 10 Thursday 29 September – Year 4

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



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

Term 4 Uniform

Summer Uniform is to be worn in Term 4. Please see the following exception which can be found in the Uniform Handbook.

- If the temperature is forecast to be below 23 degrees, students may wear their winter uniform.

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing

Key Dates

Wednesday 28 September

- College Board Meeting - 7:00pm
- Stage 1 Outdoor Ed Camp
- Year 7/8 Boys Soccer, Adelaide
- Girls 9-A-Side Football, Penola

Thursday 29 September

- Reception Geography Excursion - 9:00am
- Stage 1 Outdoor Ed Camp
- Girls Zone Soccer - Blue Lake Sports Park
- Year 3 Liturgy - 10:15am
- Whole School Assembly - 12:40pm
- Year 12 Leaving Families Function - 7:00pm

Friday 30 September

- Teams Colour Day
- Clean Up Australia Day
- R-6 Early Finish - 2:15pm
- Years 7-12 Early Finish - 2:20pm

Saturday 15 October

- Together Again Function

Monday 17 October

- School Resumes

Friday 21 October

- STUDENT FREE DAY - Mount Gambier Show. OSHC Available.



Father's Day Gifts

Earlier this month Reception students made some incredible artwork gifts for Father's Day!

A huge thank you to Bunnings Mount Gambier for donating all the materials used, as well as helping our students.



Week 10 ShineFM Podcast - Andrew Chinn

Tune in to our Term 3, Week 10 edition of the SHINEfm Podcast as we welcome highly-acclaimed Catholic singer & songwriter, Andrew Chinn, as he discusses the meaning behind his songs and his music journey.

Andrew recently visited our College and ran workshops with our ELCC and Junior School students, culminating in a special concert.

Listen on Spotify - <https://spoti.fi/3CfuPdJ>
Or, listen via direct link here - <https://bit.ly/3fg0T7P>



Academy of Hospitality Volunteers at Italo Australian Club

On Saturday evening 24 September, Academy of Hospitality students, and Tenison Woods College Sugarloaf Café trainee Daniela Ortiz Kaiser, volunteered their time to assist at the Italo-Australian Club to serve a four-course meal a La Serata de La Lupa regional dinner. They worked together with members of the Club community and catering team from Metro Café to serve Bruschetta and Antipasto plates, Paradelle Duck Ragu, Beef Saltimbocca and Lemon Semifreddo to nearly 100 patrons.

Congratulations to Pacificque Baraka, James Taylor, Craig Baker and Daniela Ortiz Kaiser for their professionalism and enthusiasm on the evening – you earned a well-deserved round of applause from the Italo-Australian Club Community, and represented the Academy of Hospitality and Tenison Woods College with both flair and capability.

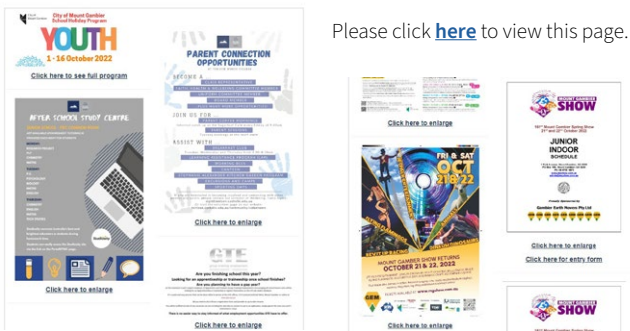
What an amazing evening of tribute and local history you were able to share with many local professionals and Industry leaders. Well done!

Jen McCourt | VET Academy of Hospitality Teacher / SAKG Coordinator R-7



See the Community Noticeboard for posters and notices of upcoming events within our College, and wider community.

Please click [here](#) to view this page.



Fire Officers Visit ELCC

This term the ELCC kindergarten children have been exploring the importance of people who help us in the community and the emergency number triple 000. On Tuesday 27 September, the ELCC kindergarten have had visits from SAPOL Officer Jade and MFS Officers Phil, Jeremy and Julian

Angela Cutting | Teacher, Assistant Director of Early Learning



Stage 2 Psychology Class Works with Therapy Dog

Stage 2 Psychology students recently worked with Sky, Tenison Woods College Therapy Dog to apply their newly acquired knowledge on Operant Conditioning. Students used Positive Reinforcement; shaping, continuous and partial reinforcements to train Sky to do various behaviours.

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



SAKG Sandwich Challenge

During SAKG cooking lessons Year 5 students designed and then produced their own gourmet sandwiches. Students created amazing sandwiches and presented them in a creative way. There were a range of options including, wraps, rolls bread, focaccias and baguettes. The students should be extremely proud of their efforts.

Donna Johnson | ELCC - Year 6 SAKG Kitchen Specialist Teacher



PPEP Talk

Ailsa from PPEP Talk recently delivered an engaging and informative session on Periods, Pain & Endometriosis for our female Year 11 students. PPEP Talk is the largest pain education program for students in Australia. It plays a critical role in informing and educating students to recognise and identify whether their pain is normal, how all the different symptoms fit together, simple ways to reduce their pain, and how to look for further help if pain is severe. This allows students to fulfil their true potential, without the burden of pain.

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SAPSASA State Athletics Championships!

Year 7 student Hamish participated in the SAPSASA State Athletics Championships in Adelaide.

Hamish competed in the 100m, shot put and discus and scored a 1st place in the discus, 2nd in the shot put and 10th in the state for the 100m. Hamish awaits the final call for selection in the state team, which should be available in around a week.

We congratulate Hamish on his efforts!



Once Upon a Time in Italy

Inviting everyone with a passion for 20th century cinema to a creative work by musician and Tenison Woods College teacher Giovanni Calandro.

This final stage development will lead into a full presentation in early 2023.

An audio-visual journey through the golden age of the iconic Italian cinema from the 50s to the 70s. Hidden musical gems and popular themes from Italian movies are arranged and performed along with video footage. The songs are introduced by narration to tell the story behind the films and their music.

A passionate 60-minute ode to one of the most exciting moments in the history of music and cinema, from Ennio Morricone to Quentin Tarantino.

"If you want to understand the twentieth-century, you have to deal with the cinema, which is its most accurate reflection, and its music." - Ennio Morricone

Giovanni Calandro

Giovanni "Nanni" Calandro is a musician and educator from Aprilia (Italy) based in Mount Gambier. He is known for being an all-round drummer and Italian movies' soundtracks enthusiast. He began drumming at the age of 14, graduated in jazz drumming from the Conservatorio Licinio Refice of Frosinone (Italy) and gained a Master of Teaching from the Australian Catholic University of Melbourne. In 2015 he moved to Melbourne where he quickly established himself as session drummer and creator of cultural events regarding Italian music, cinema and theatre.

He held workshops in more than 50 schools across Victoria and South Australia, created shows for cultural organisations such as the Italian Cultural Institute of Melbourne, Italian Museum, Melbourne Italian Festa and Victorian Association of the Teachers of Italian, and established a collective of Italian artists called Musa.

As session drummer he played for artists such as the Voice of Italy 2015 Fabio Curto, Australian children entertainer Peter Combe and Mount Gambier's singer songwriter Louise Adams. With his Nanni Calandro's Cinematic Gang he presented his show Once upon a time in Italy at festivals such as the Melbourne International Film Festival, Lavazza Italian Film Festival and venues such as the Ding Dong Lounge, Forum Theatre and Astor Theatre.

He is currently teaching languages and drums in Mount Gambier and working on further developing his show, Once upon a time in Italy, for national touring.

Click [here](#) to book your **free** ticket

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Andrew Chinn Visit



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 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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