

# Weekly Newsletter



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## 9Shine Camp



Our students had spent the entirety of 2022 preparing themselves for the 9Shine camp experience and thankfully this time in class was used wisely. On camp, the weather gods were not our friend and throughout the first four days, students were inundated with rain and hail. Obviously, with an experience of this magnitude there was flexibility required and changes needed to be made on the fly. Students and staff were fantastic in their ability to adapt and ultimately still ensure that 9SHINE 2022 was a thoroughly rewarding journey of self-growth.

Thank you to the staff who tirelessly supported our youth and continue to make a difference as educators. The future is bright for our 2022 students and we cannot wait to continue watching their journey into Senior School. 2023 promises to be bigger and better and we cannot wait to get started



## Year 8 Robe Explore Camp

The Year 8 camp in Robe last week was a great experience for all involved, as students reflected on their spiritual life and deepened their connections with God.

The Global Perspectives and Future Thinking learning was wonderful with lots of hands-on learning occurring. Great to see students involved with teamwork activities and getting out of their comfort zones!



Please see pages 7, 9, 10, for more photos!



# From the Principal



## 9SHINE and Camps

I congratulate the staff and students who participated in the 9SHINE experience last week, and indeed all year. The 9SHINE experience prepares, enacts, and celebrates the rite of passage for our young in a very deliberate way with the resourcing support of The Resilience Project and our learnings of the Life Buoyancy Institute, Resilient IMPACT

program. Ingredients of such rite of passage to adulthood invariably include:

1. Understanding that privileges are connected to responsibility.
2. Resilience if things don't go their way.
3. Emotional intelligence, social intelligence, and generational intelligence
4. The ability to find creative solutions to problems.
5. Understanding the power of collaboration.

*(Steve Biddulph, 2018; Dr Arne Rubenstein, 2013)*

These ingredients were richly and deliberately present in the 9SHINE experience, which was enjoyed by our Year 9 cohort.

## Anxiety and stretch

I am thankful that families worked with our Middle School pastoral care teachers, wellbeing coordinators, counsellors, and leadership to navigate the challenging space of student anxiety that is a salient issue in our young, and particularly heightened in the face of such camp experiences. While it is important to acknowledge the presence of such conditions for our young, the victory of gradually and deliberately encouraging the stretch and increased circle of security is a critical developmental milestone. I therefore thank parents for working with our staff in acknowledging the presence of anxiety in their children, but deliberately and thoughtfully inviting them to a zone of discomfort, stretch and ultimate personal victory in their development.

## The place of camps at Tenison Woods College

This week the Poplars Camp will take place in Robe, and it prompts me to think that I am continually grateful for the wonderful culture that has evolved with school camp, retreat, sporting, and field experiences at Tenison Woods College. We as a school community understand the critical importance of these experiences in the development of all our young and it inspiring to see staff and parents working together to ensure that such opportunities offer students the greatest benefit.

Thank you to all the committed staff, parents and carers who have committed themselves to the wonderful experiences. It is inspiring to see the passion of people who make these experiences possible for our young and ensure their life experiences are inspired by the wondrous world in which we live.

## Remembrance Day – Friday 11 November

Remembrance Day is an opportunity for us to pay tribute to those men and women who have given their lives in the service of our country. As part of the College tribute our College School Captains, Gael Chizungu and Aden Clarke, will lay a wreath at the 2023 Mount Gambier service at Vansittart Park.

The College will also honour Remembrance Day at an Assembly on Friday with a ceremony, silence, and ode, presented by Bob Sandow and also the presentation of the Tenison Woods College Flyers Award.

Such commemoration helps us reflect on events that have shaped our history and on the lives that have been impacted by the will of others. As we reflect on those who have offered themselves for the cause of freedom, let us not forget the part our faith can play in bringing peace to our world.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*

*Ever Patient Teacher,  
show us the ways of tolerance, teach us the ways of justice.  
Draw us all in heart and mind nearer Jesus Christ your son,  
Prince of peace. Amen*

## Feast Day of Venerable Catherine McAuley, Friday 11 November

Our College draws inspiration from four founders. One of them is the Venerable Catherine McAuley and from her "House of Mercy", which opened in 1827 through to the founding of her religious order, Religious Sisters of Mercy, in 1831 through to today where there are more than 12,000 Sisters of Mercy worldwide, running 200 health care facilities, 19 colleges, 58 schools and provide many other services that help people of every age, their mission has remained constant. Catherine knew that to be a real help to the poor and needy, she needed to be among them so that she could see the realities of the struggles they faced on a daily basis.

Known in Ireland as the "walking nuns" because they spent so much time in the community helping people, the Sisters of Mercy gave, and still do, give voice, and hope to many in our world. Catherine died in 1841 and Pope John Paul II declared Sister Catherine McAuley "Venerable" in 1990. This is the first step on the path to sainthood.

Catherine always said that "proof of love is deed." For Catherine McAuley, 'putting her hand up to help out' was her daily endeavor and it is an inspiring example of how we can let our empathetic and caring deeds be the proof of our love for Jesus and others.

## Carpark Care and Phone Usage

SAPOL officers have completed some traffic duties around the College campus. Parents have been 'cautioned' in the "kiss and drop" line for using their mobile phones, and as such I remind our community of the legal imperatives regarding telephone usage in cars:

"The driver of a vehicle must not use a mobile phone while the vehicle is **moving, or is stationary but not parked**, unless;

- The phone is being used to make or receive an audio phone call and the body of the phone is;
  - (i) is secured in a mounting affixed to the vehicle while being used; or
  - (ii) is not secured in a mounting affixed to the vehicle and is not being held by the driver, and the use of the phone does not require the driver, at any time while using it, to press anything on the body of the phone or to otherwise manipulate any part of the body of the phone."

The fines are quite hefty – currently at \$646.00 (inclusive of a victim of crime levy) and three (3) demerit points, so I urge our community to pay due diligence to this issue for the safety of all, not least our young.

## 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. The link is attached [here](#).

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

With current 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.

## 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, 12 commence Term 1.
Tuesday 31 January 2023	All other students commence Term 1.

God Bless,  
**David Mezin** | Principal



## School Photos Have Arrived!

School photo packs have arrived and are being distributed this week. We ask you to check your child's schoolbags for the photo packs.

**Jessica Herring** | Public Relations & Events Manager

## CIM Team News



### Middle School Faith in Action Awards

The Tenison Woods College and wider community are able to nominate a Middle School student in Years 7, 8 or 9 for the Faith in Action Awards. These awards are presented to a student from each grade of the Middle School who has contributed to the betterment of the school or wider community throughout the year. Please email myself with the name and year level of the student/s being nominated and a brief description of the students contribution.

### Whole School Mass

All families, parishioners and friends of the College are invited to attend the End of Year Mass on Wednesday 23 November at 10.00am in the Barrie Holmes Stadium.

### Term 4 Masses at the College Chapel

A Mass is held 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.

### Masses for Term 4

Week 4	Thursday 10 November – Year 10
Week 5	Thursday 17 November – Year 6
Week 6	Wednesday 23 November – Whole School Mass, 10:00am
Week 7	Thursday 1 December – Year 7
Week 8	Thursday 8 December – Year 8

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator

## A Prayer for our Year 12 Students

*During this period of SACE exams, let us especially pray for students from Tenison Woods College and across South Australia.*

*'God, we ask that they especially feel your closeness during the time. Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand.*

*Bless them with keen understanding and retentive memory. Give them the ability to grasp things correctly. Point out the beginning, direct their progress and help them in the completion of each of their responses.*

*Holy Spirit, send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge.*

*We ask this through Christ Our Lord,  
Amen.*



## Key Dates

### Wednesday 9 November

- The Wizard of Oz Musical Performance - Sir Robert Helpman Theatre 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start
- Year 12 Exams - All Week

### Thursday 10 November

- Poplars Camp - Thursday / Friday
- STEM Girls Conference - Uni SA Mawson Lakes - Thursday / Friday
- Underdale High School Soccer Exchange

### Friday 11 November

- Remembrance Day
- Year 7-11 Remembrance Day Assembly - 12:40 - 1:20pm
- The Venerable Catherine McAuley Feast Day
- Year 6 Camp Returns

### Monday 14 November

- Year 12 Exams - All week
- P.E Week
- Year 5 Camp - Woodhouse Activity Centre - Monday - Wednesday

### Tuesday 15 November

- Outdoor Ed Surfing and Camping Camp - Robe and Naracoorte - Monday / Tuesday
- Fun Football Festival - Aston Newman Fields

### Wednesday 16 November

- Year 9/10 Basketball State Championships - Lightsview Stadium Adelaide - Wednesday / Thursday
- SAPSASA Tennis Carnival - Adelaide - Wednesday - Friday

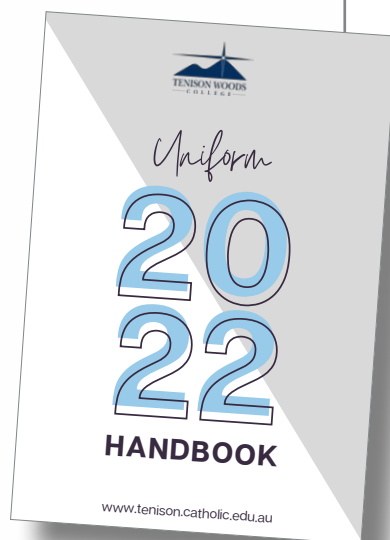
## Uniform Focus of the Week!

### Jewellery

The following items of jewellery may be worn:

- A watch.
- A fine gold or silver chain with a small religious symbol.
- Sleepers or stud earrings - one per ear, in earlobe only.
- 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



Check out the Tenison Woods College Facebook Page





## Week 3 SHINEfm Podcast - Year 6 Camp

Tune in to this week's SHINEfm Podcast as we chat to Year 6 Student Leaders, Emmy & Louis, and Year 6 student, Che, currently on the Year 6 Camp in Adelaide! They cover what they've been up to on the camp so far and what's still to come.

Listen on Spotify: <https://spoti.fi/3NNXjPI>  
 Listen on our website: <https://bit.ly/3FZRQTX>



## Geelong Cats Star Brad Close Visits Tenison Woods College

On Monday 7 November, we were lucky enough to receive a visit from Old Scholar and Geelong Cats AFL Premiership player, Brad Close!

There was plenty of excitement in the Junior School, with Brad surprising some Year 2 and 3 classes during his walk around the College. Brad answered questions, signed footballs and even had a quick handball session with a group of students. Principal, David Meziniec, congratulated Brad on his success in the AFL Grand Final and a selection of Senior School High Performance students sat down for a chat with the sporting star.

Thank you for coming to visit us Brad, we wish you all the best for your next season of footy with the Cats!



## Employment Opportunities at Tenison Woods College - Applications Closing **THIS** Friday

Tenison Woods College is a dynamic Early Years to 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 the following positions to commence in January 2023:

- Early Learning and Community Centre (ELCC) Director
- Public Relations, Marketing and Events Officer
- Years 2-6 Health and Physical Education (HPE) Replacement Teacher
- Years 2-9 Italian Permanent Teacher
- Years 5-9 Food Technology Replacement Teacher
- Years 7-10 Health and Physical Education (HPE) Replacement Teacher
- Years 7-12 Chinese Permanent Teacher

For further information and Position Information Documents, please visit:

<http://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/our-college/employment>

Applications close Friday, 11 November 2022 at 4:00PM.



## Bark Busters!

There was one significant job that our committed Working Bee participants were not able to accomplish. Poplars students came to the rescue and spent some time last week shovelling barrow-loads of bark topping up the Poplars play area, the swale and the Gilap Wanga - Ngula wangingi mraata ba wangingini - Learning Community garden beds. Well done, Bark Busters!

David Meziniec | Principal





# ELCC Beach Play

The Early Learning Community Centre MacKillop Kindergarten children have been exploring the beach and beach life. As a part of dramatic play, the children enjoyed pretending to visit the beach (ocean wading pool), spotting whales and getting sprayed (whale water sprinkler), skiing behind the boat (water skiing), sand castle making, visiting the ice creamery and being sun-smart.

What a fun filled day enjoying the sunshine!

Angela Cutting | Teacher, Assistant Director of Early Learning



## Marist College Student Sponsor - José

This year we are supporting José, a third-year student at Baucau Teacher's College in East Timor, he will be starting his fourth year next month. He hasn't received any support so far for his teaching degree but this year is struggling. Margie, our contact at Baucau Teachers College, said he is a lovely man who is very involved in life at the college. It costs \$900 AUD for one year at the college and through staff donations we support approximately 3 students a year. Collectively, the \$3 AUD staff donate every fortnight really does make a big difference for these students.

Margie has passed on the following from José:

*"My complete name is José Felipe da Silva Belo. I live in Baucau. I am 32 years old and am the first child in our family. My parents are farmers and grow enough to support our family needs. I wanted choose to take a different road by becoming a teacher because where I live doesn't have enough teachers. My plan is to support my local school by helping to improve the teaching there. I need to complete four years to obtain full teaching qualifications.*

*I am very grateful for the support of the teachers at Tenison Woods school, and promise to do my very best during the coming year."*

Bernadette Fisher



## Scholastic Book Fair

The College will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from Friday 18 November – Friday 25 November.

You and your child will have the opportunity to explore a huge range of affordable books featuring characters and subjects kids love and want to read about. From newly released books and bestsellers to award-winning titles and perennial favourites.

This is also a great way for you to learn about, and discuss your child's interests and every book sold benefits our school, adding resources to our library and classrooms.

Scholastic Book Fairs help us show students the wonder of reading. After all, when kids choose their own books, they will be more excited to read, and they will naturally read more!

The Fair will be open for families between Friday 18 November - Friday 25 November at the following times:

Morning sessions:	8:30 – 8:55am	Wednesday - Friday
Afternoon sessions:	3:20 – 3:45pm	Open every afternoon

Cash or card is available.

If you have any questions please contact myself by email at [mccos@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mccos@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

Stacy McCourt | Year 3 Teacher





## Year 6 Camp

On Monday 7 November the Year 6's made their way up to their Adelaide Camp to return on Friday. A post will be on the blog each night with their activities and photos from the day, visit the blog here:

<https://madi61.wixsite.com/mysite/blog>



## Poplars Garden at Ryder-Cheshire House

Over the past 2 years, students from Poplars have been visiting Ryder-Cheshire House to assist with maintaining the gardens at the site. Students have been regularly volunteering morning sessions to complete tasks such as pruning trees, weeding garden beds, planting and other garden-related jobs.

The Ryder-Cheshire houses provide housing for adults with disabilities. There are two houses onsite – one named Ryder and the other named Cheshire – each housing 5 residents who are currently supported by HomeCare+.

A fantastic initiative that all Poplars students love being a part of!

Alex Window | Poplars Coordinator



## The Wizard of Oz

Students are busy preparing for their 'The Wizard of Oz' performance tonight at the Sir Robert Helpman Theatre. More details can be found on our Facebook event below, and poster at the bottom of the newsletter:

<https://fb.me/e/3DC56W1C8>

Tickets can be purchased at the link here:

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

We cant wait to see you there!



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

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

## BE PART OF OUR STORY



NOW  
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FOR YEAR 7  
IN 2023



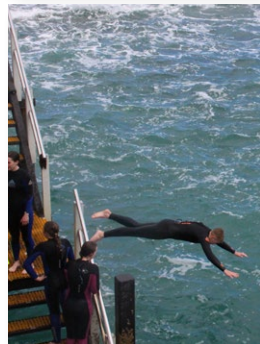
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# Shine Camp





# Junior School Italian Day

What a wonderful day we had last Friday 4 November celebrating the Junior School Italian Day!

It was a day full of activities and it was great to see students working together and celebrating Italian culture, which is an important part of the Tenison Woods College history. Everything was possible thanks to the amazing support from all the TWC staff, in particular the Junior School and PE teachers who helped the Languages team with advice, resources and time.

The students participated in the following activities:

- Reception had a pasta making demonstration and pasta tasking, thanks to the Sugarloaf Cafe for cooking the pasta!
- Year 1 made Carnevale's masks, the traditional Italian celebration that occurs every year before Lent.
- Year 2 made loop band bracelets with the colours of the Italian flag.
- Year 3 decorated the Italian flags with their favourite things about Italy.
- Year 4 competed in a traditional sack race.
- Year 5 competed in the remake of the traditional North Italian horse race called "Palio di Siena" (literally the "Siena's competition").
- Year 6 played bocce, the traditional Italian bowls game that originated during the Roman Empire.

Giovanni Calandro | Italian Teacher





# Year 8 Robe Explore Camp





# Year 8 Robe Explore Camp *continued..*



## 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**

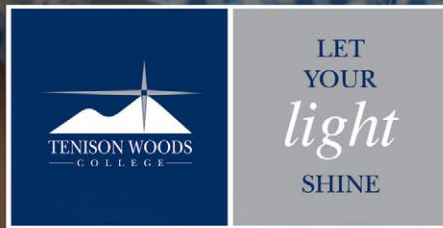
**1.45-4.45pm**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 (Term 4 Week 6)**

*No need to register, come along and have a chat*



**TONIGHT!**



*Presents*

# THE WIZARD OF OZ

By L. Frank Baum

With Music and Lyrics

by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert Stothart

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard

Orchestration by Larry Wilcox

Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company

Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by  
Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by  
Warner Bros.

“The Wizard of Oz” is presented by permission of ORiGiN™ Theatrical  
on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC, A Concord Theatricals Company

**WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER**  
**6:30PM FOR 7:00PM START**

Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

Tickets \$15, \$10 concession

*Buy tickets through the SRHT website*



# Reception - Year 2

## Sports Day

Friday 18th November 2022 - Marist Park 12pm

*If you can believe it, the mind can achieve it.*

- 12:00pm - Students meet at Marist Park and line up in House Teams, Receptions at front, Year 2's at back.
- 12:10pm - Year 6 Founder Leaders lead each team through a Health Hustle and Team Chants.
- 12:20pm - Official welcoming/opening of Sports Day Mr. Mezinec and Mrs. Dickson
- 12:30pm - Students go to class teachers and walk over to circuit area ready for first event.

### Rotation One:

12:30pm

12:45pm

1:00pm

Receptions:

Rob the Nest

Three-Legged Race

Sack Race

Year 1:

Sack Race

Rob the Nest

Three-Legged Race

Year 2:

Three-Legged Race

Sack Race

Rob the Nest

### 1:15pm - Lunch

*Showcase event to begin afternoon session - Dress Up Relay 2:00pm (Year 2 only)*

### Rotation Two:

2:15pm

2:30pm

2:45pm

Receptions:

60m Sprint

Obstacle Course

Vortex Throw

Year 1:

Vortex Throw

60m Sprint

Obstacle Course

Year 2:

Obstacle Course

Vortex Throw

60m Sprint

**3:00pm - Meet back in House areas for final team chants with Founder Leaders**

**3:15pm - Dismissal**

## 2022 FOUNDER LEADERS

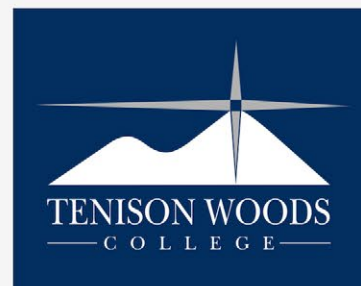
MacKillop - Amelie Adams and Lachlan Cutting

Champagnat - Raia Haggis and Paddy Sigley

McCauley - Jessica Oxlade and Fergus Tarr

Woods - Gabby Yates and Duke Bradley

Year 6 Leaders - Emmy Jeffrey and Louis Fritsche

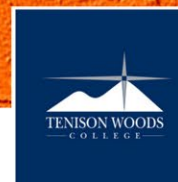


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**NEXT WEEK!**



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**PHYSICAL EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT  
EVERY WEEK, BUT TERM 4, WEEK 5 IS  
THE WEEK TO CELEBRATE IT!**

**#PEWEEK22**



# **P.E. WEEK!**

**MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER**

**SOUTH EAST ZONE PE WEEK CARNIVAL CELEBRATION  
YR 7 KABI KABI BUROINJIN - YR 8 ULTIMATE FRISBEE**

**WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER**

**YEAR 9 & 10 INTERSCHOOL LAWN BOWLS, RSL MT GAMBIER**

**THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER**

**FESTIVAL OF SPORT PENOLA -  
YEAR 9 TOUCH FOOTBALL, YEAR 10 VOLLEYBALL**

**FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER**

**YEAR 7-12 AFTERNOON CROSS COUNTRY  
SUGAR LOAF**



*PHYSICAL EDUCATION WEEK PROMOTES AND  
HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH & PE IN  
THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM TO THE LEARNING  
& DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE*

**STUDENTS WILL NEED TO NOMINATE FOR THE  
COMPETITIONS VIA MICROSOFT FORMS. KEEP YOUR EYE  
ON THE DAILY NOTICES FOR REGISTRATION LINK.**

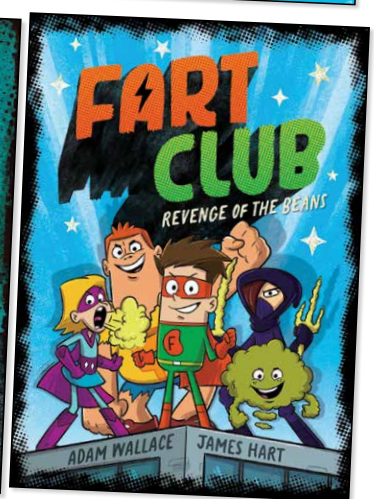
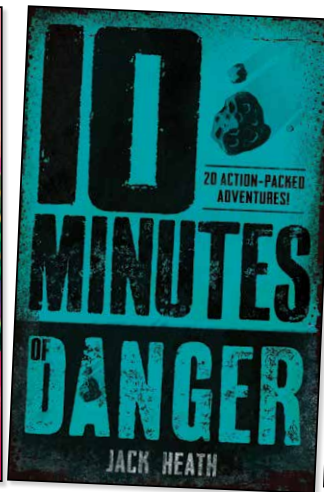
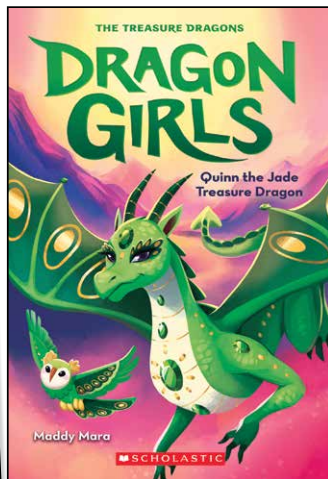
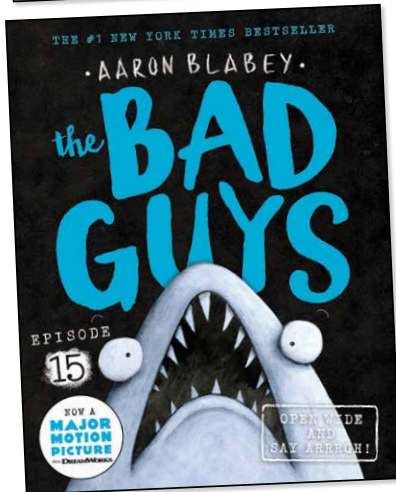
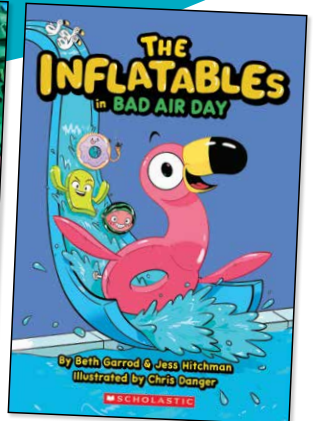
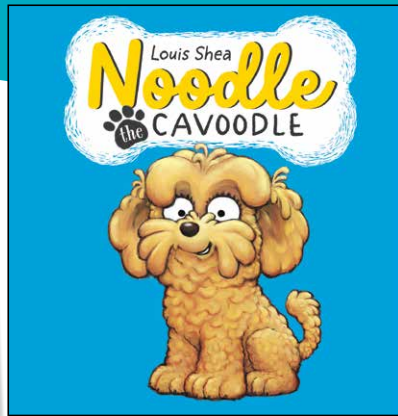




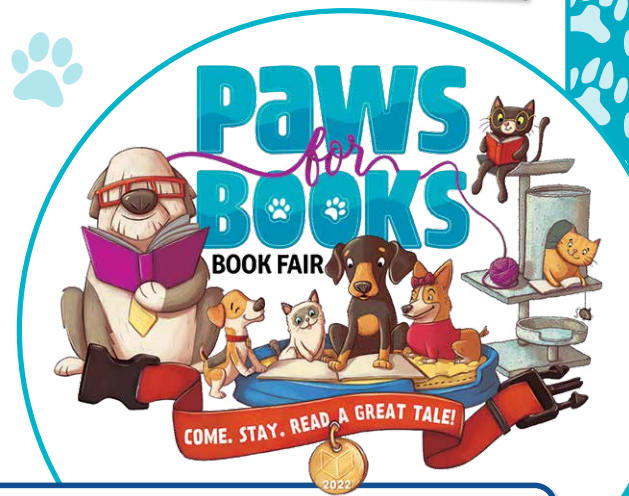
Friday 18 November -  
Friday 25 November.

# You're invited to our Scholastic **BOOK FAIR**

Come. Stay. Read a Great Tale!



Find these books and hundreds more at the Fair!



**EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL**

Date

Time

Place