

Weekly Newsletter



LAST DAY OF TERM 4 - TODAY

Reception - Year 9 Wednesday 14 December
R-6 Finish at 3:15pm and Years 7-9 Finish at 3:20pm

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Wishing everyone a Holy Christmas

And a safe and joyous New Year
From the Tenison Woods College Community

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



LET YOUR
light
SHINE



From the Principal



Rites of Passage in the Junior School and Middle School

Junior School Year 6 Graduation Ceremony on Monday, and the Middle School Awards Ceremony on Tuesday were wonderful community celebrations and rites of passage. Thank you to the PR and Events Team, ICT Team, Heads of School, Francesca Dickson and Nick Patzel, and teaching staff for planning and presenting the celebrations. It was wonderful to see the students acknowledged and celebrated for their achievements, but also in their time of transition.

The Year 9 End of Year Celebration on Tuesday evening 13 was another wonderful rite of passage event, and poignant reminder of just how fast our young develop and how precious, as it is fleeting, is this time with them. Thank you to Nick Patzel, Brad Maney, and the Year 9 staff for their efforts this year in creating the 9Shine program, leading to the 9Shine camp and the significant family event for our young.

Through our celebrations, we accentuated this year's theme 'Be The One' and have continued to SHINE, which means for us:

- **S - strive to be successful**
- **H - helping others to be their best**
- **I - getting involved**
- **N - known by name**
- **E - enjoying positive emotions**
- **+ - being healthy**

I reiterated that any time our young SHINE, they will use their head, heart and hands to "be the one."

I then encouraged our students to **SHINE with SWAGGER**, indicating that when we say that every learner has a place, we are accentuating SHINE, and when we underline that every learner has a pathway they are called to use their SWAGGER.

In short I encouraged students to reflect on a SWAGGER that will bring success:

S for Skills – Keep honing your skills and be the best you can be at what you chose to do. Keep learning. Skills are the initial currency that make things happen in your life.

W for Work ethic – Effort will always be noticed and invariably rewarded. Effort is the big value add.

A for Attitude – You may have heard it said that your attitude determines your altitude. Meaning attitude makes all the difference. The way you view life and the attitude you bring to the game will make a big difference to the game you play, and those around you in the most positive way.

G is for Game – Know your game and how you fit into your team. In a Catholic school our God helps us understand our game, what is important and how we work together. I indicated that in our Catholic context it is not that complicated at all. Firstly the dignity of all and respect for all. And secondly we become who God calls us to be through service of others and SHINE-ing so others SHINE.

So, as we concluded 2022 I asked students to take confidence from the celebrations this week. But more than that, I encouraged students to graduate with SWAGGER and SHINE with SWAGGER, so that in the year to follow they will be the person:

- Who takes pride in excellent skills,
- Who knows that working hard will be rewarded.
- Where your positive, resilient attitude colours your days and defines you.
- And where you have a strong team game that draws confidence from a God who is with you, guiding you and inspiring you to let your light shine for others.

So my wish for all our students who are graduating and transitioning to the next year level is that they SHINE with SWAGGER.

ELCC Graduations – Stepping up from Stepping Stones

This week we are enjoying four Early Learning and Community Centre Graduations, which mark a significant transition for the young children of our community. The children are stepping from the Stepping Stones Program (Kindergarten) to Reception.

I thank the ELCC staff who, under Domenica Dunn and Angela Cutting's passionate, experienced and nuanced leadership, have created a warm, inviting and engaging centre. I trust our children, who are well prepared for reception, confidently enjoy the benefits of our R-12 school community and look with fondness on their learning and care in the ELCC.

Last Day of 2022 School Year for Students

The last day of school for students in the R-9 Sub-schools will be Wednesday, 14 December with the school finishing time being that of a normal school day; 3.15pm for Junior School and 3.20pm for Middle School, to run in line with the regional school buses.

Book Collection

Students in Years R-6 will have Book Collection Day at school on Friday, 27 January 2023. Books can be collected from their new classroom between 12.00pm - 2.00pm, and 3:30 - 5:00pm.

Year 7 -12 stationery can be purchased from any location. As part of the College's focus on sustainability we encourage, where possible, to reuse folders or stationery from previous years. Booklists have been distributed via mail.

School Commencement Days for 2023

Reception, Year 7, 10,11 & 12 students will commence school on Monday 30 January with all other year levels starting the school year on Tuesday 31 January, 2023. We also invite all parents, and particularly new parents to a Welcome Morning Tea in the Sugarloaf Café at 9:00am on 31 January.

School Front Office Opening Hours

The Front Office will be closed Friday, 16 December for our Whole Staff Development Day, and then closing for the year on Friday 23 December 2022 and reopening Monday 16 January 2023.

2023 School Calendar

The 2023 Tenison Woods College School Calendar will be available on the Tenison Woods College Website at, www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/school-calendar/ accessed through SEQTA and will be emailed to families from Monday 19 December, 2022.

Timetables for Year 7 to Year 12

Timetables will be available for existing students to view through their SEQTA Portal page from Tuesday 20 December 2022. New Year 7 to 12 students will have a copy of their timetable mailed to them.

School reports

Parents will be able to access End of Year Reports via SEQTA on Wednesday 14 December, students will be able to access their End of Year Reports the same day via SEQTA. Reports can be downloaded as a .PDF file and viewed on a device or a computer and printed, if a hard copy is preferred.

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

As the year flies by and we look also 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: <https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/byod-information/byod-purchase-portal>

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

With 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.

Key dates for the commencement of 2023:

The 2023 School Calendar will be emailed out to families on Monday 19 December and will be available on the Website the same day, 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
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 Mezinec | Principal





CIM Team News



Sharing your Christmas – the Krist Kindl Giving Tree

Today, the Krist Kindl Giving Tree gifts and donations were collected by representatives from Vinnies and ac.Care. They spoke with gratitude and thanks for the generosity of our school community and the difference our donations will make in the community this Christmas. We will also be supporting the Community Christmas Lunch held on Christmas Day and the Sunset Community Kitchen in the lead up to Christmas. We would like to thank all families and staff who have so generously supported the Tenison Woods College Krist Kindl Giving Tree this year.



Christmas Eve Vigil Family Mass

Would your child like to be involved in the Nativity play at the Christmas Eve Family Mass? Mass is on Saturday 24 December at 6:00pm, at St Paul's Church. Children who would like to be involved in the play are required to attend a rehearsal on Saturday 17 December at 3:00pm at St Paul's Church. Costumes for the play will be distributed at the rehearsal. Participating in the Nativity play is a wonderful way for children to deepen their connection to the miracle of Christmas and be a part of the St Paul's community. We welcome all to be involved and attend.

Please email Sally Telford at telfs@tenison.catholic.edu.au or Cisca Teodoro at sacraments@mtgcatholic.org.au if your child would like to be a part of the play.

15 Minutes with Father - Advent Edition

We will be back for one last time this year! This Advent, the children will be taken on a journey in a rather unique Christmas story. We will be looking at a different character each week and their story during the times leading up to the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The children will take home a small activity pack to re-create that character, a Gospel reading to reflect on and a prayer card. We hope to help the children and their family to better prepare their hearts to receive Jesus on Christmas day.

Fifteen Minutes with Father Advent Edition will continue this Sunday immediately after 11.00am Mass at St Paul's and continue until Christmas Day. All children are welcome.

Christmas Mass Times

Please see the attached timetable of Christmas mass times across the South East Deanery [here](#)

Wishing you all a safe and blessed holiday season.

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



Key Dates 2022/2023

2022

Wednesday 14 December

- End of Term 4 - Years Reception-6, 3:15pm finish, Years 7-9, 3:20pm finish.

Thursday 15 December

- Student Free Day
- ELCC Kindergarten Graduation 10:00am & 2:00pm.

Friday 16 December

- Student Free Day

Monday 19 December

- SACE Results Day

Tuesday 20 December

- ELCC Community Picnic in the Park, Junior School Oval - 6:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday 21 December

- ELCC Last Day
- OSHC Last Day

2023

Thursday 19 January

- Uniform Shop Open 9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday 20 January

- Uniform Shop Open 9:00am - 4:00pm

Monday 23 January

- ELCC Transition Day
- Uniform Shop Open 9:00am - 4:00pm

Tuesday 24 January

- ELCC Transition Day
- Uniform Shop Open 9:00am - 4:00pm

Wednesday 25 January

- Uniform Shop Open 9:00am - 4:00pm

Thursday 26 January

- Australia Day Public Holiday
- ELCC Closure Day

Friday 27 January

- Uniform Shop Open 9:00am - 4:00pm
- R-6 Book Collection Day 12:00pm - 2:00pm and 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Monday 30 January

- ELCC, Reception, Years 7, 10,11 and 12 students commence
- Reception Parent Meet & Greet coffee, 9.00am, Sugarloaf Cafe
- Uniform Shop Open 8:00am - 12:00pm

Tuesday 31 January

- Poplars, Years 1-6 and Years 8-9 students commence
- Morning Tea for new parents, 9.00am in Sugarloaf
- Uniform Shop Open 8:00am - 12:00pm

Wednesday 1 February

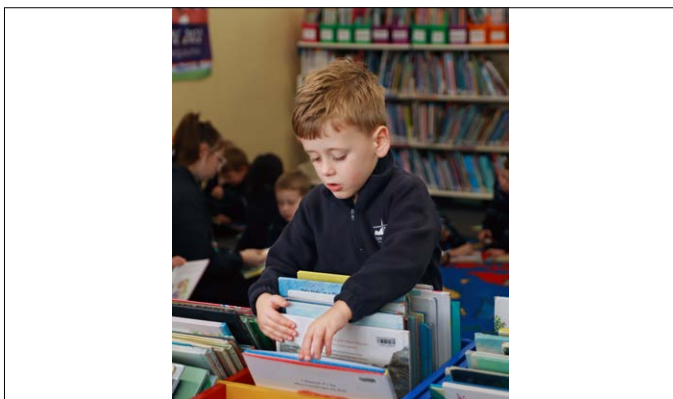
- Rest Day for New Reception Students

Thursday 2 February

- New Students & New Staff ID Photos 8:30am, Lecture Theatre

Friday 3 February

- Year 7 & 8 Parents Welcome BBQ, Gilap Wanga 1:20pm - 3:20pm



End of Year Book Returns - Final Days

After a big year of borrowing and reading, it is time for the library's books to be returned and borrowing has now finished for 2022.

All remaining books are to be returned to the Front Office by Wednesday 21 December.

We appreciate parent/care giver support in having our library resources please return them as soon as possible.

Alexandra Nicholson | Library Manager



Uniform Shop Opening Hours

The last day for trading is today, Wednesday 14 December (Week 9).

The Uniform Shop will re-open:

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| • Thursday 19 January | 9:00am - 4:00pm |
| • Friday 20 January | 9:00am - 4:00pm |
| • Monday 23 January | 9:00am - 4:00pm |
| • Tuesday 24 January | 9:00am - 4:00pm |
| • Wednesday 25 January | 9:00am - 4:00pm |
| • Thursday 26 January | CLOSED AUSTRALIA DAY |
| • Friday 27 January | 9:00am - 4:00pm |
| • Monday 30 January | 8:00am - 12:00pm |

Normal trading hours will resume as of Tuesday 31st January, 2023.



Week 9 ShineFM Podcast - 2022 Wrap-Up from Mr. Meziniec

Tune in to this week's SHINEfm Podcast as Principal, David Meziniec, delivers his wrap-up of 2022, and what we look forward to in 2023.

SHINEfm will be back in 2023, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Listen on Spotify: <https://spoti.fi/3j5YpLu>

Listen on our website: <https://bit.ly/3HR1byz>



Kevin Holohan Visit - HPSP Soccer

Year 7, 8 and 9 High Performance Soccer students finished off their year with a visit from Kevin Holohan, Fulham United FC Technical Director. The students were treated to a high intensity session as part of their practical training component. The session was the first of a series of sessions that will see participants provided an individualised training program in 2023. HPSP coaches Scott Dickson, David Cole and Josh Hough worked alongside Kevin and look forward to further opportunities!



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

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



Order Your School Shoes for 2023!

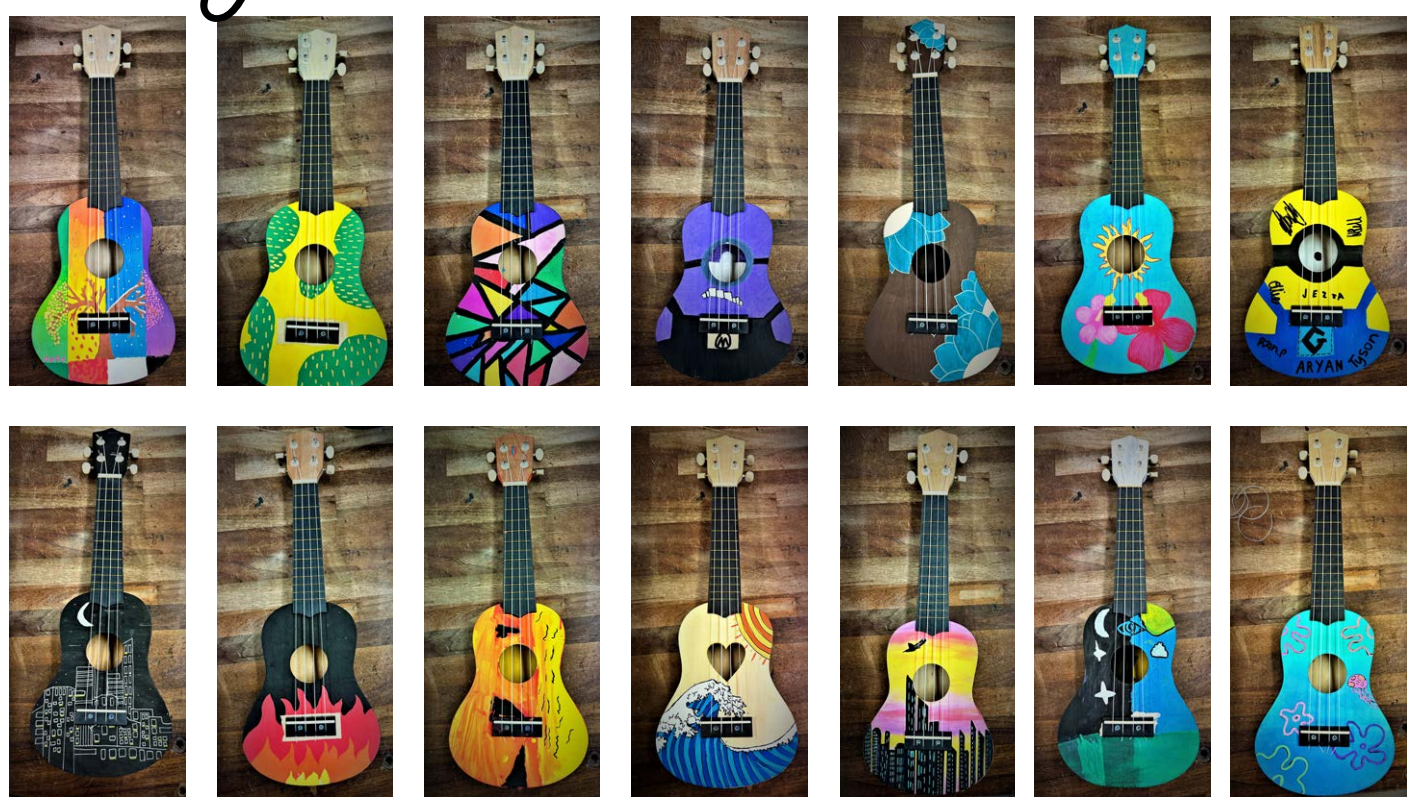
Athletes Foot have advised they are only receiving a small amount of Ascent school shoes and are uncertain about supplies into the future. They encourage families to access online ordering or to call into the shop to be measured.

There's unfortunately not enough to accommodate all of the students from every school. Ascent will still be available on the Athletes Foot website, but it is undetermined for how much longer.





Year 8 'U-Can-Lele' Elective



Reception - Year 6 Transition Visits



Year 6 Graduation



Timmy van Eeten



Jessica Oxlade, Duke Bradley and Gabi Yates



Francesca Dickson and Hiram Webster-Lawson



2023 McAuley Leaders, Kiahna Little & Davyd Davydiuk.



2023 Champagnat Leaders, Flick Lamond & Charlie Carroll.



2023 MacKillop Leaders, Zoe Boyd & Ollie Cutting.



2023 Woods Leaders, Xavier Hunter & Eliza.



2023 Year 6 Student Leaders, Caitlin Mugavin & Kade Parker.



2022 & 2023 McAuley Leaders with the House Cup.
L-R: Jessica Oxlade, Kiahna Little, David Davydiuk and Fergus Tarr





Carols in the Church

Saint Paul's Catholic Church was lit up with the message of what is Christmas, in Tenison Woods College's 'Carols In The Church' on Wednesday 7 December.

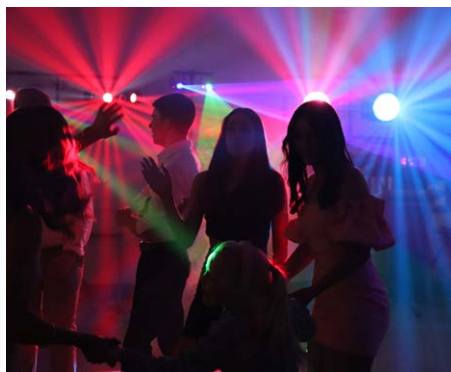
Concert Choir, Carols Band, Senior Boys' Ensemble, Ignite Choir, Senior Vocal Ensemble and Blaze Choir entertained the congregation throughout the evening.

Congratulations to all students who performed so well, and to their music teachers for preparing a beautiful program of musical works that told the story of the birth of Jesus. Special thank you to the Friends of Music committee members who were able to assist on the night.

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts



Year 9 Shine Finale & Graduation





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Poplars Christmas Concert





Middle School Awards



Luca Roulstone and Charles Moore



Mayor Lynette Martin and Gracie Carroll



Allegria Rzepiela



Lions Club Award recipients, Holly Flint & Vaughn Stratford, with Rory McEwen from the Mount Gambier Lions Club



2022 & 2023 McAuley Leaders with the House Cup



Barker Shield Academic Achievement Award recipient, Jolie Vaughan with Member for Barker, Tony Pasin



Barker Shield Community Service and Spirit Award recipient, Chelsea Lucas with Member for Barker, Tony Pasin



Barker Shield School Pride Award recipient, Mason Bentley with Member for Barker, Tony Pasin

Junior School Arts Showcase

The Tenison Woods College Junior School Arts Community held their annual 2022 Arts Showcase on Monday the 12th of December. It began with Spark Choir, lead by Mrs Hudson with an uplifting rendition of 'Jingle Bells'. Next came a captivating drama performance by Year 5 actors, Olivia Argent, Harry Wallwork, Kurt Somerville, Seth Nilsson and Amber Pohlner. The showcase included an array of Media Arts projects from different year levels, choral speaking and a photo slideshow displaying the creative accomplishments of students throughout the Junior School. The audience was also beguiled with a dragon dance, choreographed, and performed by Casey Peterse, Sabine Teodoro and William Mott from Year 3. The showcase concluded with a 'hearty' Year 2 pirate play and a delightful Reception puppet play. Mrs Hopgood and Miss K would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped make the 2022 Junior School Arts Showcase such a resounding success. Remember... 'Creativity is contagious – Pass it on.' Albert Einstein.

Monika Kolhoffer | Junior School Specialist Arts Teacher





Sunday

NOVEMBER 27
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Pray for those in need of HOPE

Monday

28
 The wise men followed the star to find baby Jesus
 Make a star ornament

Tuesday

29
 Donate toys or clothes to Winnies

Wednesday

30
HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED...
 why we have the the season of Advent?

Thursday

DECEMBER 1
 Call or visit someone who you haven't seen for a while

Friday

2
 Set up a nativity scene in your home or make your own

Saturday

3
 Bake cookies for a neighbour or a friend

Week 1

4
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Pray for those in need of PEACE

5
 Gifts were given to Jesus from the wise men
 Create a gift ornament

6
 Check out your local parish website for upcoming events

7
 Choose a couple of Christmas carols to sing

8
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 Think about Mary- the mother of Jesus
 Tell her what is in your heart

9
HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED...
 what is the church colour for Advent?

10
 Make Christmas Cards

Week 2

11
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Pray for those in need of JOY

12
HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED...
 why the third Advent candle is rose coloured?

13
 The angel came to share the 'Good News' of Jesus being born
 Make an angel to place on the tree

14
 Design a book to go with the song 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'

15
 Do something that bring your family or friends

JOY

16
 Look at the Christmas lights/decorations around your neighbourhood remembering that **JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

17
 Design and make your own wrapping paper

Week 3

18
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Pray for those in need of LOVE

19
 Church bells ring to share the Good News
 Create a bell ornament for the Christmas tree

20
 Read the story of how Zachaeus changed because of Jesus (Luke 19:1-10)
 How does this inspire you?

21
 Decorate a white candle for Christmas to place in a sacred space

22
HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED...
 what is the Church colour for Christmas?

23
 Reflect & pray with this image of St. Joseph

24
 Say a prayer for people who are lonely or far from home this Christmas

Week 4

25
Christmas Day
 Lay baby Jesus in his manger

Advent Calendar 2022