# TENISON WOODS COLLEGE

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# Weekly Newsletter TENISON WOODS — C O L L E G E

# Paschal Candle Artwork Shines Brightly During the Easter Season

Year 5 student, Max Yeates, is the winner of this year's Paschal Candle design competition, run by our Catholic Identity and Mission (CIM) team.

Designing an artwork to appear on the sacred Paschal candles is just one activity students take part in during the Lenten period, reiterating the meaning of Easter and why it is such a significant time for Catholics. Year 5 students were invited to create a watercolour artwork representing the Eucharistic community to which they are a part of it.

For Catholics, the Paschal candle is a powerful symbol of a pillar of fire and a reminder that 'Christ is our Light'.



# From the Principal



#### Christ Has Risen! Easter Hope

This week across the College community students have celebrated the joy of the risen Christ; the foundation and essence of our faith. The story of our God sharing our humanity and offering hope to those seeking guidance in times of suppression is a story we relive and a tradition we invigorate for the complexity and challenges of our times.

The growth in courage and confidence of the disciples in the resurrection is very much our own story as a journeying community of faith-filled people.

As communities, societies and nations we look to refining our systems, procedures, and education, but the more profound focus for hope in the future is the change and transformation within each human heart, mind and will; within each of us. The resurrection of Jesus helps us appreciate how His risen life invites us to be transformed from within, and the Easter celebrations reinforce the potency of our Baptism and the power of new life.

The Easter season celebrated by the Church at this time for 50 days, leading to the Feast of Pentecost, provides us with a powerful opportunity to reflect on the virtue of hope in our lives, in the life of our community, and in our world. As we conclude Term 1, I trust that our students have immersed themselves in the Joy Week activities and that this Easter joy inspires their efforts this year.

#### **End of Term Gratitude**

This final newsletter for Term 1 provides an opportunity to reflect on the journey and give thanks for the many good things that have happened throughout the Term. I congratulate students on their commitment to school life, which has been evident in application to learning experiences, school events and class activities.

I have seen many examples of staff, students and parents 'growing our gifts together' and in doing that commencing to realise, or be present, to their own talents and then indeed the talents of our community. Such journey starts small, but with confidence and support of those around us I am confident that we will see our commitment to serve others in the ordinariness of life make a significant positive impact on those around us in a variety of ways.

Such growth of gifts has been expressed significantly through student, staff and parent efforts in relation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Campaign. The school's commitment to fund raising has been one rich expression of our community's desire to leave a legacy 'For All Future Generations' by assisting those in need.

The groundwork established in Term 1 will provide a very good foundation for students to build upon in Term 2. I trust students will find time this week to thank staff members for their work and parents for their support throughout the Term.

#### Volunteers - Thank You

It is also timely to reflect on the many people; students, staff, parents, and friends of Tenison Woods College, who have offered their time and talents to our community this Term. Canteen helpers, parents who listen to reading and support class activities, those who offer their talents to committees and officiate at school events all provide testimony to the generosity so rich in our community. I sincerely thank such people for their commitment to creating community through their service to our school.

#### Leadership Development at Tenison Woods College

Over the past eight years we have deliberately accentuated and fostered leadership in our College community. We have in recent times developed deliberate projects devoted to fostering student leadership and I am delighted with the evolution of those reflections and deliberate actions. The wonderful efforts of our student leaders this year 'stand on the shoulders' of those who have served our College previously.

I am also delighted that during the last two days of the holidays, 16 staff will commit to working with the internationally recognised Brown Collective and Catholic Education South Australia Consultants to further develop their own leadership skills, dispositions and journey. I am thrilled that these staff are working with one another to further their own insights, which will of course ultimately benefit our College community.

#### Saturday 29 April - Tough Barker for the MacKillop Junior School

Did you miss out on the recent *Tough Barker* Challenge? Well, mark Saturday 29 April in your diaries. We will be planting over 3,000 trees, shrubs and grasses in the grounds of the new MacKillop Junior School building, from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

Please bring any gardening equipment you think could be of use: gloves, shovel, planting utensils, rakes, wheelbarrow, even your ute. The working bee *Tough Barker* Sessions will commence at 8:00am. Morning tea and refreshments will be supplied with a BBQ available from 10:00am.

Please book a 30 minute Tough Barker Fitness session here.

#### CESA COVID-19 Approach

COVID-19 continues to affect the community and we all have a part to play in keeping our school community safe and minimising the disruption to learning that can occur when illness circulates at school. As such I ask you to follow the approach below:

- Students/staff who are unwell should stay home if they have cold or flu-like symptoms and get tested for COVID-19.
- If students/staff have COVID-19, please advise the school as soon as
  possible, and stay at home until all acute symptoms (runny nose, sore
  throat, cough and fever) have cleared.
- Staff 'Test to Stay' remains part of the CESA COVID-19 Management Plan for staff who become close contacts at school.

#### **Enrolment of Students**

I am very pleased to see that the College is experiencing significant demand in relation to enrolments. To assist with our medium and long-term planning I encourage parents to lodge an enrolment form with the school as soon as they have decided to enrol their child at the school. For some families this decision is made very early in the newborn's life and contacting the school at this time, no matter how early it may seem, will assist us to plan in the best possible way for your child's experience of education in our College community.

Should you wish to discuss this further please contact our College Registrar, Tracey Davey (phone 08 8725 5455, or email <u>davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au</u>).

God Bless,

David Mezinec | Principal

# **Upcoming Key Dates**

#### Week 11

## Thursday 13 April

• Whole School Assembly - 10:15am

## Friday 14 April

- Last Day of Term
  - Junior School Early Dismissal 2:15pm
  - Middle/Senior School Early Dismissal 2:20pm

# School Holidays

Monday 16 April - Friday 28 April

## Week 1

#### Monday 1 May

- First Day of Term 2
- Year 11 and 12 Work Placement

#### Tuesday 2 May

- Year 11 MFS Road Awareness Program 9:00am
- Year 11/12 Mixed Touch Finals
- Year 10 Immunisations

### Wednesday 3 May

A Night of Jazz - 5:30pm

#### Friday 5 May

- Generations in Jazz, The Barn
- $\bullet \qquad \mathsf{SAPSASA} \ \mathsf{State} \ \mathsf{Swimming} \ \mathsf{Championships}, \mathsf{Adelaide}$

#### Saturday 6 May

Generations in Jazz, The Barn

#### Sunday 7 May

Generations in Jazz, The Barn

# CIM Team News



#### CIM Team News Week 11 - Joy Week

Easter is the greatest celebration in the Catholic church, the Easter season lasts for 50 days. Last week our students were led through a reflection on the events of Holy Week during morning chapel services and through the Stations of the Cross created by our Year 6 students. We took the opportunity to pause and consider how we can be kind, loving and strong

even when we feel that things are not so good. This week, our students gather to celebrate the 'Risen Christ' and reflect on how Easter is a time of new life and the importance of taking time to reflect on how we can make our life 'new'.

#### **Project Compassion**

Project Compassion has drawn to a close, we thank all staff, students and families who have given generously to this appeal for Caritas through fundraising at school, in classes or in homes.

We ask that Project Compassion boxes with donations please be returned to the College Front Office by the end of this Term.

Anyone wishing to make an online donation, or to donate what is in their box electronically, is encouraged to go to the Tenison Woods College Caritas fundraising page <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Youth Mass**

The next Youth Mass will be held this weekend on Saturday 15 March. Youth Mass is at the 6:00pm Mass at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. The music and readings at this Mass are led by the young people from the College and St Paul's Parish. The Tenison Woods College Mission Leaders, Julio Teodoro and Kuncheria Chavara, are actively involved in coordinating this. Please contact either the Mission Leaders or Ms Wilson if you would like to be involved in reading or music. The monthly Youth Mass is followed by a Youth Group dinner and discussion group. Students in Year 7 and above are encouraged to attend.

#### Mother's Day Breakfast

We look forward to welcoming mothers, grandmothers and special friends to our annual Mother's Day Breakfast taking place on Friday 12 May from 7:45am. After not being able to celebrate as a community last year, the College looks forward to gathering for this special celebration.

This year, we will serve a light breakfast in the Barrie Holmes Stadium, with student leaders leading us in prayer at 8:15am. An EdSmart Invitation will be emailed to each family, please respond with the number of people attending for catering purposes.

We give thanks for those people in our lives who bring us love and comfort.

# From the Parish

# **Back to Basics - Catholicsm for Catholics**

This series commenced Thursday 2 March at 7:00pm, in the Gathering Space at St Paul's and will continue on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, presented by Fr Peter and Fr Olek.

If you cannot attend in person, please contact the parish office about the possibility of participating online. The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is available free from the Vatican website or can be purchased as a book from the parish office for \$20. All are welcome.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Week 11

· Year 6 Mass - Thursday 9:10am

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator









# Henley Hockey Exchange

On Tuesday 4 April our hockey players took on St Martins Lutheran College and Henley High School in a mini-tournament at Blue Lake Sports Park. We fielded two teams on the day; Tenison Woods College 1 and Tenison Woods College 2.

Our Tenison Woods College 1 team were defeated by Henley 1 (1-3), St Martins (0-2) and Henley 2 (0-5). This team saw several opportunities to score and developed the ball through the midfield well. Tillie Derrington, Jeremy Mackenzie, and Tyler Collins were key to each game and created opportunities for our attack.

Our Tenison Woods College 2 team were also defeated by Henley 2 (0-5), Henley 1 (0-5) and St Martins (0-2). Although being goalless throughout all games, Tenison Woods College 2 saw many opportunities through Josh Milan aggressively pressing the defence. Leadership and drive from Madi Derrington and Toby Drew provided Tenison Woods College 2 with structure in defence and the ability to outlet the ball well.

Despite being winless, both teams saw progression throughout each game. The knockout hockey tournament is looking promising for Term 2, as students took the time to gel in a team environment. Great effort to all!

Thank you to Troy Mustey and Brayden Burston for taking the team.



# Auskick Begins in Term 2

We will be hosting Auskick in Term 2 on Thursday afternoons. This year it will be coordinated by the High Performance Football Academy but run by parents.

We have 3 interested parents at this stage. If you can help out, that would be great. Please view the registration link <u>here</u>.

If you have any questions, please email me at <a href="mailto:oppet@tenison.catholic.edu.au">oppet@tenison.catholic.edu.au</a>.

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator



# Vaughn Stratford Receives \$1,500 Swimming Assistance Funding

Year 10 student, Vaughn Stratford, has been named the 2022 City of Mount Gambier Junior Sports Assistance Fund Exceptional Junior, for which he received \$1,500 funded by the Mount Gambier Commercial Club.

The Exceptional Junior award acknowledges exceptional commitment and skills to achieve excellence in their chosen sport. The recipient is selected based on their ability to reach their fullest potential and willingness to give back to their sport. The award is funded as part of an annual donation of \$3,000 from the Mount Gambier Commercial Club to support junior sportspeople in the region.

Congratulations, Vaughn!

Photo courtesy of the City of Mount Gambier Facebook page.





# Celebrating Easter in the ELCC

In the Woods and Champagnat rooms, Julie has been teaching the children about Lent and Easter through building a 'Resurrection Garden'. The children helped pot the plants and place the rocks, with the tomb staying closed until Easter Sunday.

On Tuesday 11 April when the children entered the Centre they saw the rock in front of the tomb had been opened, a light beaming from within and Jesus walking in the garden, risen! Through play, the children have a deeper understanding of the Easter story and why we celebrate Easter.

Frances Scanlon | Director - Early Learning & Community Centre

# Cross Country Training

On Thursday 13 April, Pete Collins will offer holiday coaching tips for those interested in starting their training for Cross Country. Students are asked to meet Pete in the Lecture Theatre at lunchtime for a short meeting.

In Term 2 there will also be an opportunity for training sessions for students who are interested, starting in Week 1 and concluding in Week 4 on Wednesdays after school, at Marist Park from 3:30pm to 4:15pm.

We thank Pete Collins for offering his coaching services to our students.

**Brooke Hicks** | 7-12 Sports Coordinator



# SHINEfm Podcast - Term 1, Week 11

Tune in to this week's SHINEfm Podcast as we catch up with Mount Gambier Pioneers President, Tom Kosch, at the Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre, in anticipation of the Pioneers' upcoming historic first game at their new home.

The College has had a longstanding relationship with the Pioneers and we wish them all the best with their 2023 NBL1 campaign.

Listen on Spotify: <a href="https://spoti.fi/3o7NXpe">https://spoti.fi/3o7NXpe</a> Listen on our website: <a href="https://bit.ly/41mjAtv">https://bit.ly/41mjAtv</a>



# Seeking Breakfast Club Volunteers

Breakfast Club is a great way to interact with students and give back to the College Community. Breakfast Club operates Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays from 8:00am-8:30am. Only 30 minutes of your time is required.

Please indicate your availability to Breakfast Club Coordinator, Trent Eitzen <a href="mailto:eitzt@tenison.catholic.edu.au">eitzt@tenison.catholic.edu.au</a>. A Working with Children Check (WWCC) is required.

The following documents will assist you with the volunteer application process:

- Volunteer General Information
- Volunteer Handbook



See the Community Noticeboard for posters and notices of upcoming events within our College, and wider community. Click <u>here</u> to view this page.





# 'Friends of Music' Seeking New Members

The 'Friends of Music' committee is a vibrant group of local community members and parents of Tenison Woods College students who meet once a month and assist with fundraising performances, special events and anything that can assist or encourage the music students in the school.

New members are very welcome; please contact our Chairperson Kathleen Finney on <a href="mailto:kafflight@hotmail.com.au">kafflight@hotmail.com.au</a> or 0418840586, or Penny Mansell <a href="mailto:mansp@tenison.catholic.edu.au">mansp@tenison.catholic.edu.au</a> for further information.

# UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS

# + Winter Uniform Reminder

A friendly reminder to call in to the Uniform Shop and organise winter skirts and warmer items for Term 2. We also have navy tights in stock!

We will be open in the second week of the school holidays: Wednesday 8:00am-12:00pm Thursday 12:30 – 4:30pm

To view the Uniform Policy <u>click here</u>.

To place an order for uniform items <u>click here</u>.

# Weekly Uniform Focus

#### Winter Uniform

If the temperature is forecast to be below 23 degrees students may wear winter uniform. In preparation for the cooler weather we ask that families ensure skirts are below knee length and adjust if required.

Winter Uniform includes:

- Tenison Woods College navy v-neck knitted jumper (optional for Years 3-6)
- Tenison Woods College skirt compulsory for Years 7-12
- Tenison Woods College monogrammed charcoal pants
- Tenison Woods College monogrammed charcoal shorts (optional)

#### Years 3-6 only

- Tenison Woods College navy polar fleece vest
- Tenison Woods College navy polar fleece jumper

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



# ICAS 2023

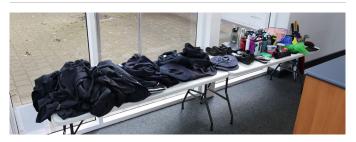
Please find  $\underline{\text{link}}$  registration information for the 2023 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). This would be a wonderful opportunity for your child.

Tenison Woods College Year 2 to Year 10 students can participate in the online ICAS Assessments in 2023. ICAS is designed to target students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the challenge of competing in an international assessment. ICAS Assessments are online as this allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

If you have any questions, please contact me at <u>lloyc@tenison.catholic.edu.au</u>.

Chris Lloyd | Online Assessment Coordinator



# Lost Property Reminder

A reminder to all parents and students to please check the lost property currently displayed at the front office for any missing items.

There is a growing amount of unnamed lost property that we would like to see collected before the end of Term.

If you believe your child has lost any items throughout the term please visit the Front Office to collect.



# **Employment Opportunities**

Tenison Woods College have two employment opportunities currently open.

## Early Learning Centre Administration - Admin, HR, Payroll, Finance

We are seeking suitably qualified candidates for the position of Early Learning Centre Administration, commencing as soon as practical.

This position is working as part of the Early Learning Administration Team (37.5 hours per week / 46 weeks per year).

#### Cleaner

This position is a part-time position within the Cleaning team, commencing during Term 2, 2023.

To learn more about these positions please <u>click here</u> to visit our website. Applications close Monday, 1 May 2023 at 4:00PM.



# Upcoming Sports Events and Date Change Reminder

# Remaining Sports Events for Term 1

Year 7 Netball Academy
 Trinity Netball Exchange, Thursday 13 April, Week 11
 Organising Teacher: Angela Queale

#### **Date Change**

Please note Cross Country has been changed to Friday 12th May (Week 2) 2pm.

**Brooke Hicks** | 7-12 Sports Coordinator



# Staff and Students Share What Faster Means to Them

Last week we spoke to students, asking them what they enjoy most about Easter and some of their answers might surprise you! We also spoke to staff and got some fantastic responses on what Easter truly means to them.

Watch the video here.

# Learning Assistance Program Volunteers Needed

Tenison Woods College continues to offer the Learning Assistance Program (LAP) to our students and we are seeking interested parents and friends of the school to assist as volunteers.

The Learning Assistance Program is a program whereby volunteers, in partnership with teaching staff, work with students on a one-on-one basis, for one hour regular sessions each week.

If you have time, knowledge, special talents or interests which may either facilitate a students learning or enhance a child's experience at school, and you are willing to share them with students, we would love to hear from you:

- Phone: (08) 8725 5455
- Tania Sigley, Wellbeing Coordinator siglt@tenison.catholic.edu.au







Hamish and Annabelle Gordon's Little Athletics Success

On Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 March Hamish and Annabelle Gordon competed in the Little Athletics State Championships. Qualification for the running events is the top 16 competitors in the State, and field events is the top 12.

Hamish qualified for discus, shot put, javelin, 100m and 200m (max 5 events). Annabelle qualified for long jump, triple jump and hurdles.

During the competition they both achieved several personal bests and some fantastic results in some trying weather conditions on day 2 of competition:

#### Hamish

- Discus 1st
- Shot put 1st
- Javelin 1st
- 100m 3rd200m 2nd

### Annabelle

- Long jump 5th
- Triple jump 7th
- · Hurdles 14th

Hamish will now compete in the Little Athletics National Championships in Melbourne in April, with selection based on results throughout the season and the State competition. He'll compete in all 5 of his State events; discus, shot put, javelin, 100m and 200m.



Year 1 Authors Publish Books In The College Library

Following the celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday earlier in the term, children in Year 1 MLJJ have been engaging in a bookmaking 'Spotlight Study' all about Dr. Seuss books. They have explored the features of Dr. Seuss books and the different crafting techniques used to 'hook' a reader and keep them engaged. They have been very inspired and have created their own books.

To celebrate this wonderful learning, authors in 1MLJJ have now published these books and placed them in the school Library for other children to borrow.

Melissa Little | Year 1 Teacher





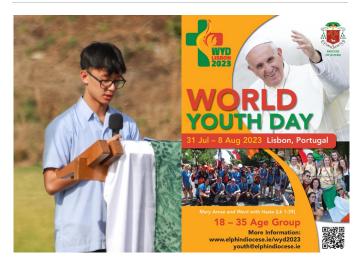
# Isabelle Bidese on Track for Zoology Career

Year 10 student, Isabelle Bidese has been selected to participate in the Cleland Wildlife Park Work Experience Program this week. This program is extremely popular and highly competitive to secure a placement.

Isabelle will work across the entire operation, providing care to animals (feeding and watering, cleaning animal areas, and handling animals including koalas), assisting with the educational programs for visitors, working in the retail shop and welcoming visitors.

Isabelle is very focused on a career in Zoology and will pursue further studies in this area during her senior schooling. We wish Isabelle an enjoyable and rewarding week!

Jody Elliott | Careers Coordinator



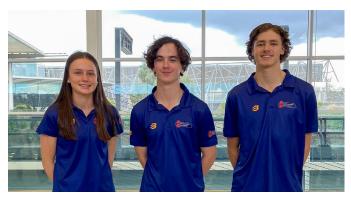
# 2023 World Youth Day

A Message from Julio Teodoro, 2023 Mission Leader

Later this year in August, I will be joining thousands of young Catholics from around the world in the international event 'World Youth Day', which will be held in Lisbon, Portugal. As well as attending this festival, I will also undergo placement in a parish for a week. World Youth Day will be a fantastic opportunity to collaborate and explore my faith with the likes of millions of other young Catholics. From this experience, I hope to return to the school and parish community with a stronger faith and love for God, and new ideas to implement in our own school and parish.

This experience comes with financial cost and there will be some fund-raising activities to help me fund a portion of the travelling expense. I will be hosting some fundraising events over the next couple of months and I am asking for the help of the parish. I will be organising a donut drive and a carwash. Please keep an eye on the bulletin over the next couple of weeks on some ways that you may be able to financially support me.

Julio Teodoro | Senior Altar Server, 2023 Mission Leader



# Students Competing at National Basketball Championships

The Junior National Basketball Championships are currently underway in Queensland until Saturday 15 April.

Best of luck to Edie Easterby, Oscar Marr-McGuire and Jackson Bowden.

# Canteen Reminders

- Please ensure the Student Profile in the QKR! App created for ordering is your child's name (not the parent name);
- QKR! App Orders need to be in by NO LATER THAN 8.30AM for same day orders (no longer 9.00am);
- Please carefully check day / date of order when using the QKR! App, and the details of all orders before proceeding to checkout.
- Year 8 and 9 QKR! App specials are only available to be ordered by these year levels, not for a younger sibling.
- Reception to Year are only allowed to purchase two items, only one of these can be lollies. There is no monetary limit only an item limit.



If you have any questions regarding the Qkr! App, please contact Jess Herring at herri@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

Leanne Sandow | Canteen Manager







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# Tenison Woods College Named as Finalist for 'R U OK?' Day Award

Tenison Woods College is an education finalist for the 'R U OK?' Day Barbara Hocking Memorial Award. This award aims to;

- recognise and celebrate the people and organisations who have made an outstanding effort to support R U OK? in their community
- inspire others to support R U OK?
- encourage others to have regular meaningful conversations and invest more time in the people around them.

Photo courtesy of the R U OK Day Facebook page.



# Football in Schools Program

The Football in Schools program will begin at Tenison Woods College in Term 2 on Mondays at 3:15pm, beginning 1 May 2023. The program will run for eight weeks, with our final session on 19 June.

The sessions will be run by Christian Fleetwood and students are encouraged to bring a drink bottle and sneakers/soccer boots, parents will need to be present for the sessions which will be held on the Aston Fields.

The Sports Voucher form is located here.

Further information can be found here: https://www.footballsa.com.au/footballinschools

Tina Opperman | Year 5 Teacher / R-6 Sports Coordinator

# 2024 Year 7 Middle School Information Evening - Naracoorte



# 2024 Year 7 Middle School Information Evening - Mount Gambier

Wednesday 10 May 2023, 7:00pm Pam Ronan Centre, Tenison Woods College

We invite all prospective 2024 Year 7 students and families to join us at Tenison Woods College, for the Mount Gambier Middle School Information Evening.

Meet the Head of Middle School, Mr. Nick Patzel, as well as hear from current students attending the College and see for yourself what our College has to offer.

At Tenison Woods College, every learner has a place, every learner has a pathway and every learner will shine. This is supported by our new curriculum opportunities, in our Middle School, the Gilap Wanga Learning Community



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# **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
1.45-4.30pm

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (Term 2 Week 2)
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (Term 2 Week 6)

No need to register, come along and have a chat



