

# Weekly Newsletter



## Outstanding Performances at Generations In Jazz



Tenison Woods College was very proud of our participation in the recent Generations in Jazz weekend. Our Jazz Ensemble, Concert Choir, Senior Vocal Ensemble and Senior Boys Ensemble all competed.

The students were excellent ambassadors for the school as they revelled in three days of superb music, masterclasses and concerts with some of the best musicians in the country. This is the first year the Festival has returned as a live event after a lengthy break due to COVID-19 restrictions, all students performed well and have learnt a lot about musicianship, intonation and awareness of the commitment required to excel as ensembles.

Highlights for the group were:

- Watching the amazing performances from Swedish group 'Dirty Loops' in their only Australian performance
- The Generations in Jazz pro Big Band who performed with Thndo and Adam Lopez
- Being amongst 4500 enthusiastic music students from around Australia

Special congratulations to double bass player Gabe Strachan (Year 8) and drummer Ryan Creedy (Year 12) who received a new award for most 'Outstanding Achievement' in their division. The adjudicator commented on their individual high levels of musicality and, in particular, how well they performed together.

**Beth Creedy** | Teacher/Choir Director



# From the Principal



## Generations in Jazz Weekend

I congratulate the many staff, students and parents who participated enthusiastically in the Generations in Jazz Festival last weekend; an outstanding expression of jazz music, youthful enthusiasm and passionate learning.

I also offer special congratulations to Ryan Creedy and Gabe Strachan, who were recognised for their musicianship and skills during the weekend.

Another special thanks to all the staff who offered their time and talents to ushering at three concerts during the event, raising funds to support our Timor Leste sisters and brothers.

Thanks to all adults who supported the weekend. As I often say, when students shine you generally have wonderfully committed teachers and parents supporting them. Finally a sincere and appreciative thanks to the students who represented the College so well during the weekend through their musicianship, enthusiasm and collaborative endeavours.

## MacKillop Junior School Building

Excitement is mounting as Mossop Construction and Interiors have fulfilled their building contract outstandingly to bring the project to completion according to the initial timeline that was set on signing of the contract. The process from here can be summarised simply as:

- We are now transitioning gradually to the MacKillop Junior School Building and currently our ICT Team and Grounds Team are finalising the school supplied ICT equipment, furniture and fittings.
- Teaching staff will commence transitioning to the building from Monday 15 May (Week 3, term 2).
- We will commence operating the new MacKillop Junior School building from Monday 22 May.
- The nature play area completion will be delayed due to equipment supply from Scandinavia. This is schedule to be completed by the conclusion of the mid-year break.

We look with anticipation and excitement to seeing students, teachers and parents make the MacKillop Junior School their school home.

## Mother's Day Celebrations

This Friday our school community celebrates the important role offered by mothers, caregivers, grandmas, godmothers, aunts, big sisters and all those who provide motherly care to our young. A Mother's Day Breakfast at 7:45am will be celebrated in the Barrie Holmes Stadium. I urge you to make space in your morning to acknowledge your importance in young lives. It is certainly one of the highlights of the College calendar.

## Wellbeing and Engagement Collection Survey – Week 2

Students in our school will be invited to take part in a survey being conducted this week.

Young people's sense of wellbeing is an important part of how they learn at school. The purpose of the survey is to seek students' views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school. Students in year levels 4 to 12 across the State will be invited to participate in the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection. The information collected will help the education system and broader community to support young people's health and wellbeing.

The survey asks students about their social and emotional wellbeing; school relationships and engagement and learning in school; and physical health and wellbeing and after school activities. Students' answers will be kept confidential – no one (including school staff) will use the results to identify individual students.

Further information on the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection can be found at [www.education.sa.gov.au](http://www.education.sa.gov.au) (search:wec) or can be collected from the school. For questions or concerns, or to view the questions, please email Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au.

## Attendance – The First Step – Duty of Care

The way Tenison Woods College cares for each learner commences with its diligence in relation to school attendance. That is not only because each child or adolescent matters unequivocally, but also because the College has a significant legal obligation to accurately record student attendance. As such our collaborative approach with carers and parents in relation to this issue is foundational to our partnership.

As such:

- If a student is absent, parents/carers are asked to either,
  - (1) call the absentee phone line 8724 4659 and leave a message or
  - (2) send a text message to 0429134568 or
  - (3) provide an email to their Pastoral Care teacher stating your child's name, their homegroup, and the reason they are away for the day.
- Students must sign in at the school office using the Kiosk (R-6 at the Front Office, 7-9 Middle School Student Office & 10-12 at the Pam Ronan Centre) if they arrive at school after 8.45am.
- If a student needs to leave early, parent communication to the college is required to confirm arrangements, prior to signing out at the Kiosk.
- If a student is to be absent from school for a one-week period or more, a pre-arranged exemption form is to be completed and forwarded to the Principal for approval.
- An SMS will be sent (0429 134 568) if a parental call has not been made to confirm absence and also to provide an opportunity to confirm a reason for a students' absence.

## Food Allergy Awareness – awareness, avoidance and action

Living with the risk of a severe allergic reaction, or anaphylaxis, takes planning, diligence and clear communication. At Tenison Woods College we believe that our community has a significant role in supporting those who live with the risk, so that through awareness, education and training they and their families can lead normal, healthy lives.

The website <http://www.allergyfacts.org.au> offers support for individuals, parents and carers of people living with this risk, supporting the critical more personalised treatment and care. We encourage anyone who suspects they may have an allergy or those who have already been diagnosed to consult their allergist, immunologist, paediatrician or GP for personalised treatment and care. This includes regular follow-up so that they can access up to date information on managing their risk of anaphylaxis, and communicating that information to our staff so that our community can support them in the best possible way.

## Parish Planned Giving Rebate

I remind families that parents contributing to the Parish Planned Giving may claim a rebate from Tuition Fees of 50% of their contribution up to a maximum claim of \$750. Official Parish receipts are to be presented to the Finance Department after the 30 June 2019 for a deduction to be made.

## EY-12 Staff Professional Development Days – 8 and 9 June

Early Years to Year 12 Staff are looking forward to the staff professional development days Thursday 8th and Friday 9th June, when they will devote time to the critical literacy experiences and student agency throughout the school. Furthermore we will be evolving further our wellbeing approach at the school, focusing on coaching students to facilitate agency in the Resilient IMPACT approach.

I trust students and parents will experience the benefits of the days through our service to students and families throughout the College. I remind families that these days are student-free days for the ELCC and the R-12 part of the school.

## 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.

God Bless,

David Meziniec | Principal

## CIM Team News



### Mother's Day Breakfast

On Friday, 12 May, we look forward to welcoming all mothers, grandmothers and special friends to our special Mother's Day Breakfast to be held in the Barrie Holmes stadium on Friday 12 May from 7.45am - 8.45am.

Thank you to everyone who has RSVP'd for catering purposes.

Yogurt cups, croissants and muffins will be provided by the

Sugarloaf Cafe, with a gold coin donation per person appreciated.

We will also be holding a raffle on the morning if you would like to bring your spare change for a ticket. Money raised from the raffle will support the local Breast Cancer Awareness group.

### May is the month of Mary

For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue, a picture or some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue. She was the first disciple, and we hear of her triumphant "yes" to be the mother of Jesus. Mary is a model of discipleship and holiness for us all. Use your Mary focus during May to regularly pray Marian prayers such as the Hail Mary, The Holy Rosary, or the Angelus. Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and she cares for all of us, day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters.

### National Families Week

From 15-21 May we celebrate families! National Families Week is held every year between Sunday 15 May to Saturday 21 May. Take a moment this week to pray a simple prayer for our families.

Thank you God, for our family.

Help us to care for each other, to thank each other and to listen to each other.

Help us to forgive each other and to look for the best in each other.

Amen

### Laudato Si' Week

In Australia, Laudato Si' Week is being celebrated from May 16-24. Laudato Si' Week, is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' and is a call to action for Catholics around the world. With the Australian Bishops releasing their statement Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor in 2021, and the release of the documentary 'The Letter' last year, there is a deliberate focus on the Laudato Si' Platform Goals over the next 7 years. All things on our planet are interconnected and with profound care for each other, our Creator, and all of creation, we are building a better future together.

The theme for 2023 is Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity.

## From the Parish

### Sacrament of Confirmation

On Friday 19 May, students enrolled in the 2022/2023 Sacramental Program will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Paul's Church. During this special time of preparation, we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Father Dean will be the celebrant for this celebration so it will be wonderful to welcome him back to our Parish Community.

### Youth Mass

Youth Mass is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the 6:00pm Saturday Mass at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. The next Youth Mass will be held on Saturday 20 May. The music and readings at this Mass are led by the young people from the College and the Parish. Please contact Marilena Wilson if you would like to be involved in this. The monthly Youth Mass is followed by a Youth Group dinner and discussion group. Young people in Year 7 and above are encouraged to attend.

### Upcoming Liturgical Events

Thursday 11 May- 9:10am Year 5 Mass

Thursday 18 May- 9:10am Year 6 Mass

Thursday 18 May- 10:15am Year 1 Liturgy

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator



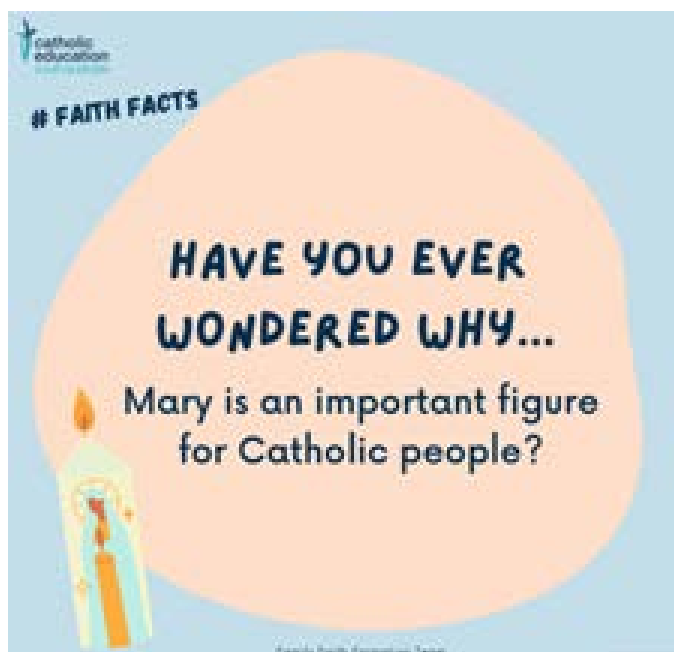
Community  
Noticeboard



See the Community Noticeboard for posters and notices of upcoming events within our College, and wider community. Click [here](#) to view this page.



WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2023 | WEEK 2, TERM 2



## SHINEfm Podcast - Term 2, Week 2

Join us as we listen to our Junior Leaders Kade and Caitlin, as they describe their recent tour of the new MacKillop Junior School!

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

Listen on our website: <https://bit.ly/3LQKi7t>



## Hockey Star Calls To Inspire Students

Our Year 9 Hockey Academy students were fortunate to speak with Australian Olympic athlete, Tom Wickham, via zoom call. Tom's career highlights include his selection into the Kookaburras Olympic Hockey squad for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, as well as his notable performance winning gold with the Kookaburras at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions and participate in meaningful discussions about hockey. What a wonderful immersive experience!



## Musical Announcement

We're excited to announce that during Week 2, we'll be revealing our upcoming musical in a nail-biting elimination process! We've shortlisted the top 6 musicals, and each day we'll be using the school bells to announce the elimination of one of the musicals. The poster of the eliminated musical will also be taken down from the musical room wall and posted onto our Facebook and Instagram stories. Be sure to check out our Facebook or Instagram story each day to see which musical gets eliminated, the last musical standing on Friday this week will be our winner!

And that's not all - once we announce the winning musical, we'll be posting audition notices shortly after! So, if you're an aspiring performer, get ready to show us what you've got!

Trust us, this musical is going to be bigger and better than ever before, keep an eye on this space for more updates!

**Callum Byrne** | Middle/Senior School Drama Teacher



## 10-12 AFL Girls Knockout Football Kick Into The Next Round

On Tuesday, our Knockout AFL Girls Football squad played at Blue Lake Sports Park. Their first game was against Millicent High School. Tenison Woods College won the game 12 - 4 - 76 to Millicent. Goal Kickers for the game were Heidi Berkin 3, Luca Roulstone 3, Alex Hudson 2, Sophie Lewis 1, Abbey Edwards 1, and Raine Scott 2.

The girls then progressed on to play in the final against Grant High School coming away with another strong win 12 - 5 - 77. Goal scorers, Tahlia Geraghty 2, Lana Shepherd 2, Sophie Lewis 2, Abby Anderson, 1, Sophie Wight 1, Isabella Morello 1, Raine Scott 1, Luca Roulstone 1, Ella Guest 1.

All girls conducted themselves with pleasing team spirit. Best Players for the day included Sophie Wight, Ella Guest, Sophie Lewis, Edie Easterby, Heidi Berkin, Luca Roulstone.

Thank you to James Flett and Travis Webster-Lawson for umpiring on the day.

Congratulations and thank you to super coaches Lewis Lean and Angela Queale. The girls will now progress onto the round 3 finals.



## A Night Of Jazz

On Wednesday 3 May our music department proudly featured Showband, Concert Choir, Senior Boys' Ensemble, Senior Vocal Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble in our pre-Generations in Jazz concert, 'A Night of Jazz'.

We are so fortunate to have our ensemble directors who selected a great program of music:

- Jack Heaven – Showband and Jazz Ensemble
- Sarah Raymond and Beth Creedy – Concert Choir
- Beth Creedy and Jodi Swiggs – Senior Boys' Ensemble and Senior Vocal Ensemble

The evening kicked off with beautifully presented and delicious food and drinks, catered and served by Jen McCourt's hospitality students. A great joint venture, as these students were also being assessed for a task during the evening.

A big thank you to 'Friends of Music' committee members for donation of goods and assisting throughout the night in various ways.

It was a wonderful celebration of what our senior music students have been working on in Term 1 and was truly inspiring to all who attended!

**Penny Mansell** | Head of Performing Arts



## Butterfly Lifecycles In Focus At The Early Learning And Community Centre

The children at the ELCC have been observing the lifecycle of a butterfly. The children have displayed great curiosity, wonder and amazement as the chrysalis broke open to reveal beautiful butterflies after the children have been caring for the living creatures. The ELCC are setting the butterflies free after making a little magical wish upon release.

**Angela Cutting** | Assistant Director of Early Learning

## Weekly Uniform Focus

### 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.
- Make up 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



## 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 5 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 [herrj@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:herrj@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

**Leanne Sandow** | Canteen Manager

## Upcoming Key Dates

### Week 2

#### Wednesday 10 May

- Mount Gambier Year 7 2024 Information Evening
- Swimming Lessons - Reception Classes

#### Thursday 11 May

- Swimming Lessons - Reception Classes
- Year 6 NAP Science Literacy Testing - 9:00am - 12:40pm

#### Friday 12 May

- Mother's Day Breakfast - 7:45am
- SAPSASA Regional Cross Country, Naracoorte - 8:00am
- Tenison Woods College Years 7 - 11 Cross Country - 2.00pm
- Years R-6 Assembly - 2.05pm

#### Sunday 14 May

- Mother's Day

### Week 3

#### Monday 15 May

- Year 8 Surf and Caving Camp 2
- SAPSASA Netball Trials
- Catholic Education Week

#### Tuesday 16 May

- Year 9/10 Knockout Football
- Catholic Education Week

#### Wednesday 17 May

- Year 12 Retreat
- Catholic Education Week



# From the Sports Department



## 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.footballsouth.com.au/footballinschools>

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

## Cross Country Training

Pete Collins will be offering Cross Country 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

## '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 [kafflight@hotmail.com.au](mailto:kafflight@hotmail.com.au) or 0418840586, or Penny Mansell [mansp@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mansp@tenison.catholic.edu.au) for further information.

## 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 - [sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

## Upcoming Sports Events

Another busy term of sport with the following upcoming events locked in the calendar for Term 2

### WEEK 2

**Cross Country** - Friday 12 May  
Tenison Woods College

### WEEK 3

**9/10 Knockout Football** - Tuesday 16 May  
Played at Malseed Park; coached by Ciaran Buckley

**7-9 Knockout Mixed Hockey** - Friday 19 May

Played at Blue Lake Sports Park; coached by Brayden Burston

### WEEK 5

**Interschool Cross Country** - Wednesday 31 May  
Held at Millicent High School; supported by Tara Millard

### WEEK 6

**Cardijn Exchange** - Sunday 4 May - Tuesday 6th May  
Played at Cardijn College; Adelaide

### WEEK 7

**7/8 Boys and Girls Knockout Basketball** - Friday 16 June  
Played at St Francis de Sales, Mount Barker; coached by Kym Hammond

Nominations are also currently open for **11-12 Boys Knockout Football** and **11-12 Girls and Boys Basketball** which are occurring later in the term or early next term.

Within the first two weeks of the term there are many sport trials occurring in preparation for Cardijn and knockout sports. Students are reminded to keep looking on SEQTA and e-mails for any updates on sports trials and how to nominate.

With many sports happening umpires or volunteers are always required, if you would like to volunteer please email [bhicks@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bhicks@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

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



## 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 [eitz@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:eitz@tenison.catholic.edu.au). A Working with Children Check (WWCC) is required.

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

- [Volunteer General Information](#)
- [Volunteer Handbook](#)

# Year 1 Mary Watercolour Paintings



# 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.



**BUSES RUNNING DAILY FROM MOUNT GAMBIER & SURROUNDS**



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TENISON WOODS COLLEGE INVITES ALL MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS

**THIS FRIDAY**

# Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday 12 May 2023 7:45am-8:45am  
Barrie Holmes Stadium

Choice of Croissant, Yoghurt Cup or Muffin for a Gold Coin Donation

RSVP via EdSmart invitation by Friday 5 May



# 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

Tuesday 9th May 2023 - Term 2, Week 2  
Tuesday 6th June 2023 - Term 2, Week 6

*1.45pm - 4.30pm at Tenison Woods College, Mt Gambier*

For further information, please contact your child's Pathways Coordinator.



# PRINCIPAL'S *Tour*

**TUESDAY 30 MAY**  
9:00AM – FRONT OFFICE  
PLEASE REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE:  
<https://bit.ly/3UJirdu>

“ Step inside a community, where everyone belongs. I look forward to meeting you and your family. *David Mezinec* Principal, Tenison Woods College ”

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