

Weekly Newsletter



Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the children of the Parish and College community who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday night. We congratulate our students:

- Lexie Fennell
- Mia Guthridge
- Ava Hayden
- Blake Humphries
- Liz Kiyombo
- Abbey Kroon
- Isaac Lindner
- Ted Lucas
- Harry Lucas
- Grace Mugavin
- Angus Robinson

We continue to pray for these children and their families as they journey towards full initiation into the Catholic Church. A special thanks to Fr Dean Marin, Vicar General of Adelaide Archdiocese for coming down and celebrating this beautiful Sacrament with us.

Cisca Teodoro, Rayhna Stephens and I would also like to thank all of the families and their sponsors for their commitment to the preparation for this special milestone. It is a privilege to be on this journey with you all and to witness the children grow in their love of God and their eagerness to learn more about the Catholic faith. The children are looking forward to celebrating their First Holy Communion later this Term and as a Sacramental team, we are looking forward to witnessing the children continue their full and active participation in the life of the Church. Fr Dean Marin reminded the children that the gifts of the Holy Spirit – Knowledge, Understanding, Piety, Fortitude, Counsel, Wisdom and Fear of the Lord – given to them at their confirmation were the same gifts brought down upon the apostles in the Upper Room at Pentecost. These gifts are like the tools that we need to do good in the world and make a difference in the lives of others. The Holy Spirit is our helper and guide, and it is our job to use these gifts to be a helper and guide to others.



From the Principal



Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to our students on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday evening. This was a wonderful time of grace and blessing for the children and their families. We invite and encourage our school community and parishioners to pray for the children that, strengthened by the Holy Spirit and their ongoing participation in our Sunday worshipping communities, their faith will continue to grow.

Special thanks to Parish Sacrament Coordinator, Cisca Teodoro and our Religious Education Coordinator, Sally Telford, our CIM Team, staff and parent volunteers for offering their talents to assisting the children during this journey and also for creating wonderful celebrations on the weekend, marking this very significant rite of passage for our young.

National eSmart Week – ‘Be Your Best Self Online’

As an eSmart School we commit ourselves to the eSmart Schools Framework, which is auspiced by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, and which helps us maintain a supportive and connected community to reduce online and offline bullying, and increase wellbeing.

Featuring the theme ‘Be Your Best Self Online’, this year’s event invites children and young people to explore what it means to be a positive digital citizen, with focus on such areas as:

- What you can do and say to be positive online
- How algorithms, echo chambers and customised messaging impact our view of the world
- How to use technology purposefully
- How to use your agency to influence change in the online environment

During this National eSmart Week we also explore the themes of Responsible Action; responsible online sharing, peer sharing, reporting and reflecting. By taking responsible action we can all work to keep our young safe online and offline, improving cyber safety and reducing cyber bullying, and bullying more generally.

eSmart School – Smart. Safe. Responsible.

We are an accredited eSmart school community where the smart, safe and responsible use of communications technology is the norm.

The essence of the eSmart approach is outlined below:



One of the aspects of this process was the review, analysis and updating of our ICT policy and User agreements. These policies are available on the school website.

We also have portal@TWC with a section dedicated to eSmart, including information for parents and the wider school community [here](#).

I am delighted that Tenison Woods College is an eSmart School and I look forward to our continuing commitment to the highest possible level of ICT innovation that is complemented by safe and responsible use of ICT.

National Reconciliation Week – Be a Voice for Generations

Beginning this Friday 26 May - National Sorry Day - through to Saturday 3 June, members of faith communities across Australia are encouraged to offer prayers for reconciliation between Indigenous and other Australians. The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2023, Be a Voice for Generations, encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise. For the work of generations past, and the benefit of generations future, we are invited to create a more just, equitable and reconciled country for all.

National Day of Healing, or Sorry Day, commemorates the anniversary of the tabling in 1997 of HREOC’s Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their families, ‘Bringing Them Home’.

National Reconciliation Week occurs from Saturday 27 May to Saturday 3 June each year, as these two dates mark important anniversaries in Australia’s history. On 27 May 1967, Australians passed a referendum that removed clauses from the Australian Constitution which discriminated against Indigenous Australians. On 3 June 1992, the High Court agreed with the position put in the Mabo case, that Australia had been occupied prior to European settlement, and as such, certain rights to native title were preserved by the Indigenous population. These two historic steps forwarded the recognition of Indigenous Australians and their rights, as they both reversed previously held beliefs.

Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of reconciliation is the relationship between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To foster positive race relations, our relationship must be grounded in a foundation of truth. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have long called for a comprehensive process of truth-telling about Australia’s colonial history. Our nation’s past is reflected in the present, and will continue to play out in future unless we heal historical wounds.

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

MacKillop Junior School Building

Excitement abounds as we continue to occupy the MacKillop Junior School Building. Teaching staff commenced transitioning to the building from Monday 15 May (Week 3, Term 2), with Years 1-5 now occupying the building. We are just waiting on chairs for the Year 6 classes and then it will be ‘game on’ for them also.

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.

It is a delight to see students, teachers and parents gradually make the MacKillop Junior School their school home.

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 0429 134 568
 - 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 will then be 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.

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 30 June 2023 for a deduction to be made.

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

Early Years to Year 12 Staff are looking forward to the staff professional development days on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 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 R-12 students.

CESA COVID-19 Approach

The most recent CESA Covid 19 procedures state the following:

- Schools should continue to emphasise that students, staff and site visitors who are showing COVID-19 symptoms should stay away from school until acute symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, cough and fever) have cleared.
- Staff are required to notify the school if they return a positive COVID-19 test.
- Families are recommended to notify the school/centre if their child returns a positive COVID-19 test.

God Bless,
David Meziniec | Principal

CIM Team News



Year 12 Retreat

Our 2023 Year 12 cohort attended their Year 12 Retreat at Cave Hill Creek last week. During the three days, students and staff explored the theme 'The Road of Life' and worked in a combination of large and small groups, experiencing different forms of prayer, deeply listening to the stories of others, reflecting on their paths taken and who God is to each of them. The cohort have now returned to the College, and we wish them all the best for the rest of the year.



Family Mass

Family Mass will be celebrated this Sunday 28 May at 11:00am at St Paul's Church. We encourage our children and families to attend.

Ordination to the Priesthood - James Thomson

This coming Saturday 27 May, at 10:00am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral in Adelaide, we celebrate the ordination of James Thomson. Last year, James spent 7 months with our parish, College and wider community as Seminarian. Please keep James in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination. The Mass will be available to stream via www.adelaide.catholic.org.au.

Sacramental Preparation

Preparations for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will begin on Saturday June 3 for the 2022-2023 Sacramental Candidates. Session 1 will be held from 2:00-3:00pm in St Paul's Hall.

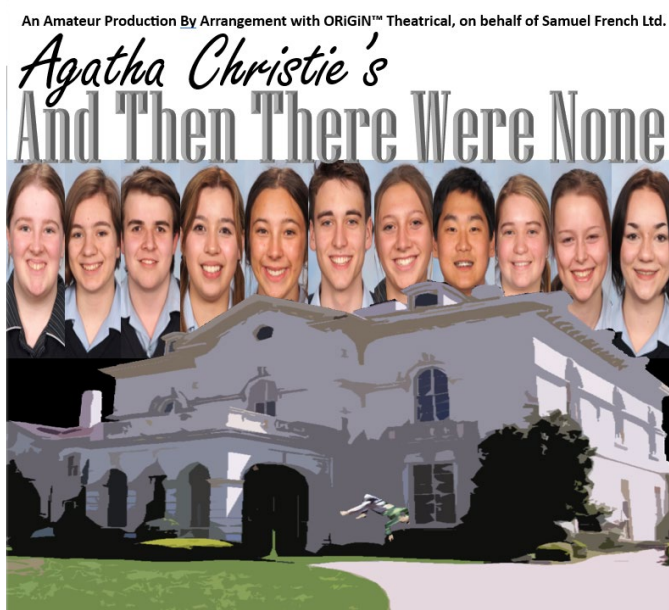
Stationery Drive for Timor-Leste – Junior School Initiative

In support of the immersion experience and in an effort to 'make a small difference with great love', the Junior School is running a stationery drive so that we can get little school packs ready for children in Timor-Leste. We will be making little packs in snap-lock bags, so they are light and easy to take on the plane. Items must be small and brand new. Thank you in anticipation of your support for this worthy cause.

Upcoming Liturgical Events

Thursday 25 May 9:10am Year 7 Mass
10:15am Reception Liturgy
Thursday 1 June 9:10am Year 8 Mass

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator



SHINEfm Podcast - Term 2, Week 4

Tune in to this week's SHINEfm Podcast as we welcome teacher, Callum Byrne, as he details the upcoming Year 11 & 12 drama production, Agatha Christie's "And Then There Were None".

Listen on Spotify: <https://shorturl.at/kGRUW>
Listen on our website: <https://shorturl.at/lqB48>



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.



Year 12 Retreat

Last week our Year 12 Cohort embarked on their annual Retreat at Cave Hill in Beaufort, Victoria. Staying at this picturesque location was the perfect opportunity for students to 'retreat' and reflect on their personal journeys and explore their relationships with God, themselves, their families, friends, and others.

With this year's theme being 'The Road of Life', students engaged in activities and discussions that fostered self-discovery, empathy, and a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness of our lives.

Father Peter joined the students on Wednesday to celebrate Mass, to guide students and set the scene for the retreat. His presence deepened the spiritual aspect, allowing students to strengthen their connection with their faith and find meaning in their experiences.

The Retreat is an incredible experience for our cohort each year and we hope that all students benefitted from their participation.

More photos feature later in the Newsletter!

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator



Weekly Uniform Focus

Hair

Hair is clean and brushed or combed to maintain a neat and tidy appearance.

Hair is of a singular natural colour and to be tied up if touching the collar of either the school shirt or school dress.

Hair length should be a minimum of a number 2 cut and hairstyles that are deemed extreme and not permitted, such as mullets of inappropriate length, rats' tails, dreadlocks, mohawks, extreme uneven grades, undercuts, or patterns shaved into the hair.

Navy headband or navy or white ribbons may be worn.

No facial hair is permitted.

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



Today's National Simultaneous Storytime

This morning Tenison Woods College Early Learning through to Year 6 participated in this year's National Simultaneous Storytime reading of 'The Speedy Sloth' by Rebecca Young and Heath McKenzie. The story was of Spike the sloth who decides she is going to run in the Great Race even though others told her it couldn't be done!

Students were read to in the library, watched the live event from Taronga Zoo, listened to Australian Childrens Laureate, Gabrielle Wang, Zookeepers from Singapore Zoo Sloth enclosure or Grant Denyer from the Bathurst National Motor Racing Museum who brought this wonderful picture book to life.

Plenty of fun and enjoyment was had by all while promoting the importance of reading and literacy for all children.

We can't wait for next year!

Alexandra Nicholson | Library Manager

Upcoming Key Dates

Week 4

Wednesday 24 May

- National Simultaneous Storytime
- SAPSASA Boys and Girls Football Carnival, Adelaide
- Stage 1 Bushwalking Expedition
- Year 1 Swimming Lessons

Thursday 25 May

- Stage 1 Bushwalking Expedition
- Year 10 Business Shark Tank Excursion
- Year 1 Swimming Lessons

Friday 26 May

- Titans USA Basketball Tour Dinner Auction
- National Sorry Day
- Year 1 Swimming Lessons

Week 5

Monday 29 May

- National Reconciliation Week
- National Reconciliation Day
- Whole School Virtual Assembly Week
- World of Robotics Week
- Year 8 Surfing and Caving Camp

Tuesday 30 May

- National Reconciliation Week
- Whole School Virtual Assembly Week
- World of Robotics Week
- Principal's Tour / Open Morning
- Year 8 Surfing and Caving Camp

Wednesday 31 May

- National Reconciliation Week
- Whole School Virtual Assembly Week
- World of Robotics Week
- Interschool Cross Country
- Junior Music Playout
- College Board Meeting



Jack & Alex Win OneFortyOne Forest Photo Competition

Congratulations to Jack Freckleton and Alex McCarthy, as they have won the 2023 Forest Photo Competition in the Primary School and Secondary School categories respectively! This competition is run by OneFortyOne. Entrants were tasked with taking a photo that showcases what the forest means to them. This could be in plantation forests, or native forests.

Jack (photo above):

"What I love about the pines is when I go for walks with my two dogs in the magical forests around Dartmoor. I took this photo one morning with the sun shining through the trees which is beautiful. This area around my house is a great way to relax and calm down and have some time where it's peaceful after a big day."

Alex (photo below):

"The photos which I have captured illustrate my love for the local forests and the importance of the ecosystem. My photos for this competition capture a moment of harmony in nature - a slug hanging from a mushroom in the forest. Both the slug and mushroom play vital roles in the forest's ecosystem."

Jack and Alex's photos will be exhibited at Mount Gambier Airport gallery space. Well done to both of you on your fantastic photos and achievement!



Darcy Hodges to Represent School Sport SA at Swimming Championships

Year 6 student, Darcy Hodges, has been selected to represent School Sport SA at the School Sport Australia Swimming Championships, held in Sydney from Friday 25 August to Tuesday 29 August. Darcy will be representing the 12 years and under team.

Congratulations, Darcy!

Junior Music Playout

The Junior Music Playout featuring the College's very own Year 3, 4 and 5 students will occur in the Barrie Holmes Stadium from 2:00pm – 3:00pm on Wednesday 31 May.

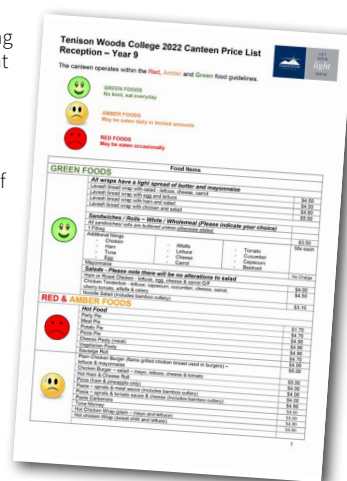
Sit back and be entertained as students showcase their performance skills and what they have learnt in music.

Families are welcome to attend!

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts

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;
- 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 over the counter, 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



Grace Morgan Receives Honourable Mention in Writing Competition

Year 12 student, Grace Morgan, has received an Honourable Mention for her story 'Simple Love' submitted into the Senior Division of the 'Love' writing competition, run by 'Little Stories, Big Ideas'.

Congratulations, Grace!



Hamish Gordon Wins Little Athletics Award

Congratulations to Hamish Gordon, as he has been named the Under 13 Male State Championship Winner at the Little Athletics 2023 Association Awards Night.

Well done Hamish on an outstanding achievement!

Photo courtesy of the Little Athletics South Australia Facebook page.



Art for Ants

Year 8 students are working on master copies of artworks in 'Art for Ants'. By duplicating an already existing artwork, they have been exploring how different artists create their work, the techniques and styles applied as well as observing how colour, shape and proportion impacts the art. This will form part of the mini galleries they have been developing over the past term.

Meghan Amoroso | Teacher/Arts Learning Area Coordinator



SAPSASA Footy Representatives

We congratulate the following students for making the Lower South East SAPSASA Football Teams, which are currently in Adelaide for the state carnival:

Girls (above):

Taylor Bobbin, Annabelle, Claire Flett

Boys (below):

Xavier Hunter, Charlie Carroll, Dane O'Brien, Hudson Gray, Joel Clayfield



Catholic Education Week

Last week was Catholic Education Week! We love to celebrate all our incredible teachers and staff that make our College so special!

A few students shared what they love most about our College.



Tenison Woods College Umbrellas Now On Sale

Tenison Woods College umbrellas are perfect for winter sports for those expected - and unexpected - showers! These quality umbrellas feature automatic opening at the click of a button, double velcro closures, a fully-vented wind proof canopy and strong fibreglass shaft.

Limited stock available at the Front Office for only \$35 each, grab yours today!

Employment Opportunities

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 Primary and Secondary Relief Teachers to join the Temporary Relief Teacher (TRT) pool for the rest of 2023.

If you have 1-5 days spare in your week and your Teacher's Registration and Working With Children Check are current, call us on (08) 8725 5455 to discuss the possibilities.



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. A Working with Children Check (WWCC) is required and available free of charge through the College.

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

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



HPSP Coach Junior School Students

As part of their Stage 1 assessment, the Year 10 HPSP students have conducted coaching sessions with several Year 4 classes. As part of their assessment they plan, organise, implement, and evaluate the entire session. A wonderful experience for all involved.

Angela Queale | HPE Teacher



Students Begin Bushwalking Expedition

Our 'Camp A' Stage 1 Bushwalking expedition began on Tuesday this week! Students are hiking a section of The Grampians Peaks Trail, beginning and ending in Halls Gap.

The hike is approximately 35km and will take in some of The Grampians most spectacular locations. Students will return on Thursday 25 May.



The Southern Cross News

The Southern Cross is South Australia's catholic newspaper, serving communities across the state.

Please [click here](#) to view The Southern Cross .

From the Sports Department



Football in Schools Program

The Football in Schools program has begun at Tenison Woods College on Mondays at 3:15pm. The program will run for eight weeks, with our final session on 19 June.

The sessions are 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



Year 7-9 Mixed Hockey Tournament

On Friday 19 May, our 7-9 Mixed Hockey squad played at Blue Lake Sports Park in a knockout tournament, as we played against Grant High School and Naracoorte High School.

Our first game was against Grant High School, with the team being prepared for the challenge. The first half was tight, with plays from Jeremy Mackenzie and Zara James pushing us into a position to take the game. The score at the half-time break saw Grant High School up 2-1. Grant High School kicked it up a gear in the next half, resulting in a well-deserved win.

We had a small break between games in which we were able to rest and evaluate the previous game. Alike the game against Grant High School, we put up a good fight for the first half against Naracoorte. At the half-time break we were still in the game, but unfortunately Naracoorte High School proved too strong and we were unable to take advantage of our efforts due to fatigue from the previous game.

Although winless, we had a great day out and learnt a lot that we can bring into future games!

Our thanks must go to Chris Lloyd, Riley Turnbull, and Brayden Burston for their supervision and coaching on the day!

Upcoming Sports Events

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

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 have been 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.

Brooke Hicks | 7-12 Sports Coordinator



Cross Country Winners

Well done to our winners of the Cross Country held in Week 2:

U20 Male: Jonty Collins
U20 Female: Millie Button Ava Collins

U16 Male: Kobe Cole
U16 Female: Ella Guest

U15 Male: Joey Ottoson-Crossling
U15 Female: Maggie Collins

U14 Male: Axel Page
U14 Female: Zara James

U13 Male: Blair Manalastas
U13 Female: Lucy Crowe

Year 12 Retreat



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Flinders University Mental Health and Sport Forum

Tuesday 13 June 2023 | 6:00pm -8:00pm
Wulanda Recreation Centre, Mount Gambier



We're joining in on National eSmart Week

Be your **Best Self**
Online



STOP • THINK • ACT

National eSmart Week: 22 - 28 May 2023



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 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>

NEXT TUESDAY

“ 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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An Amateur Production By Arrangement with ORiGiN™ Theatrical, on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.

Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None



Content Warning:

Viewer discretion is advised
This play includes depictions of murder and violence, including the death of multiple characters. It also contains ableist language and descriptions of disability, as well as instances of sexism and gender stereotypes. Additionally, the play features themes of betrayal, deception, and psychological manipulation, which may be triggering or distressing for some viewers, especially those sensitive to depictions of violence or psychological manipulation.

Tenison Woods College
PRC Lecture Theatre
6:00pm - June 7, 2023

Free Entry



Production By House of Drama,
TWC Theatre Company



TODDLER TIME



EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING SCHOOL TERMS
FAMILIES WELCOME ANYTIME BETWEEN
8.45AM - 11.45AM

Parents, carers and toddlers are welcome to attend the Early Learning and Community Centre each Wednesday to explore and play.

We look forward to
seeing you there!

\$20 PER TERM OR GOLD COIN DONATION PER VISIT
NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED, JUST SIGN IN ON ARRIVAL!