

Weekly Newsletter



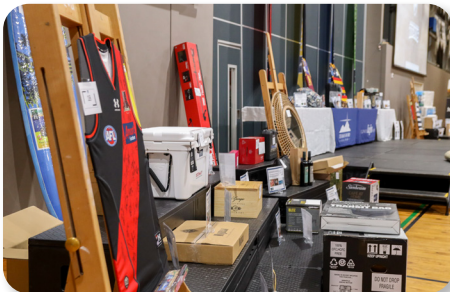
Overwhelming Success at Titans Auction

On Friday 26 May, we hosted our Titans USA Basketball Tour Auction Evening, our first since 2019!

This auction event fosters student agency through the planning, preparation and service provided to the guests on the evening, and raises money to support students who are travelling over to the USA later this year.

It was a fantastic night, with over 400 guests enjoying auction items, musical performances and a delicious two-course meal prepared by our Certificate II Hospitality student candidates.

More photos and a full write-up of the event can be found on Page 8 and 9.



From the Principal



Tenison Titans Auction

Thank you to families and staff who supported the Tenison Titans Auction in a variety of ways. A wonderful community event! Thank you to all staff and students who supported the event, we must make mention of the hard work and countless hours that Ciaran Buckley, Tanya Thomson and Sharon Adams dedicated to preparing for the auction. To Ben Jones and Shaun Minge we thank you for your efforts in running the auction proceedings. Special thanks to our music students, the Sugarloaf Café and our Hospitality Students, whose culinary expertise ensured that the evening commenced with wonderful hospitality that fine cuisine creates.

National Reconciliation Week – Be a Voice for Generations

I thank staff and students for their commitment to National Reconciliation Week. 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, Saturday 27 May to Saturday 3 June, is a time for us tall to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. 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.

MacKillop Junior School Building

Excitement abounds as we continue occupying the MacKillop Junior School Building. We now have Years 4, 5 and 6 students settling into their studios on the top floor.

Edge Architects and Mossops Construction and Interiors have combined to create a wonderful new Junior School building for the College community, which will facilitate an innovative approach to education and care in our College community.

The centre accentuates teacher collaboration, learning differentiation, student agency and community building in a predominantly open design. Design and technology, ecology and sustainability as well as innovation and entrepreneurship will feature as foundational experiences for students.

I am delighted that work has commenced on our nature play areas adjacent to the south eastern side of the building. I understand specialist equipment from Scandinavia will be delivered mid-June.

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



Pictured are Edge Architects Matt Whyte and Peter Spain, Principal David Mezinec, Mossop Construction's Shaun Lockwood and Craig Williamson, Tenison Woods College's James Roughana.

Timor-Leste Charity Ball – Be More, Not Want More

Once again, as part of the Timor-Leste fundraising, we will be holding a Charity Ball on Friday evening, 2 June. The Charity Ball is an opportunity for students in Year 11 and 12 to join together for a night of socialising and dancing at the City Hall – Main Corner while raising much needed funds and awareness for our closest neighbours in Timor-Leste.

Life in Timor Leste is very different to the abundance we enjoy. To embrace the concept of the Charity Ball students will be encouraged to donate back money that they saved on their outfit, hair, make up etc. There will a collection box at the entrance for students to make this cash donation if they wish to do so. Secondly, an auction of goods and services will be held on the night, which will be a lot of fun. Items will be auctioned for a small monetary amount. Students will not be required to bring cash for this auction, as the winning bidders will have the opportunity to pay at a later date.

We encourage families to have a discussion with their young person, and as much as we want students to look their best, we would like students to be mindful that in Timor-Leste, \$50 can feed a family of four for one month.

36th Annual Cardijn Exchange - Departs this Sunday

We look forward to the 36th annual Cardijn College Exchange. The sporting and debating competitions conducted this year at Cardijn College have a wonderful tradition of impressive skill level, team spirit and fair play. Sincere thanks to all parents, staff and students who are involved in preparing for the exchange with Cardijn College, with special thanks to Mrs Brooke Hicks, Year 7-12 Sports Coordinator, and the Health and Physical Education Team for their coordination of such a significant event on our College calendar.

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 2023 for a deduction to be made.

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

Early Years to Year 12 Staff are looking forward to the staff professional development days on Thursday 8 June 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 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 College.

Need a tutor? Studiosity is our free online tutoring service

I remind families that students of Tenison Woods College in Years 7-12 have access to a free online tutoring service. Students are able to connect to expert tutors for live, one-to-one conversations about homework, assignments and exam preparation from 3:00pm – 10:00pm Monday to Friday. Give it a try – I know you will appreciate the service offered by Studiosity!

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 Mezinec | Principal

CIM Team News



Reconciliation Week

The theme for #NRW2023 is Be a Voice for Generations.

Reconciliation Week Prayer

Holy Father, God of Love, You are the Creator of this land and all good things.

We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history and the sufferings of Our peoples, and we ask your forgiveness.

We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures. Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus to reconcile the world to you.

We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another, as you love us and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son.

Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our Nation.

Teach us to respect all cultures.

Teach us to care for our land and waters.

Help us to share justly the resources of this land.

Help us to bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged.

Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit.

May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families, our communities and our Nation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group, 13 March 1997, Brisbane

Sacramental Preparation

A reminder that preparations for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will begin on June 3 for the 2022-2023 Sacramental Candidates. Session 1 will be held from 2-3pm in St Pauls 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. We would love families to donate items that are small and unused or brand new. Donations can be dropped off at your child's classroom or at the Front Office. Thank you in anticipation of your support for this worthy cause.

From the Parish

Back to Basics

Fr Olek and Fr Peter will continue to present the 'big picture' of our faith using the 'Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.' Next session will be on Thursday, 1 June, at 7pm, in the Gathering Space at St Paul's. All are welcome.

Pray and Play

Pray and play is a Catholic mum's group that meets every Wednesday morning, from 10:00am - 12:00pm. We begin with praying the Rosary, which is good for the children to learn their prayers, followed by a shared morning tea and free play. This is a great way for mums and children to get connected with the community.

Upcoming Liturgical Events

Thursday 1 June- 9:10am Year 8 Mass

Tuesday 6 June- 10:15am Combined Year 11/ELCC Liturgy

Thursday 8 June- No Mass at TWC due to professional development days.

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator



Principal's Tour Draws a Crowd

On Tuesday 30 June we held our annual Principal's Tour; a great opportunity for prospective families to learn more about our College!

Principal David Mezinec and Deputy Principal Michelle Coote guided families throughout the College's facilities, as they familiarised themselves with the school and learnt more about what our wonderful College has to offer.

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Please drop donations to front office or CIM office

Thank you for your generosity!

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Around the MacKillop Junior School

Architects and builders celebrate successful completion!

Tenison Woods College students from Years 1 - 6 are enjoying a new state-of-the-art building.

Edge Architects and Mossop Construction and Interiors have combined to create a wonderful new Junior School building for the College community.

The new MacKillop Junior School Building will facilitate an innovative approach to education and care in our College community, facilitating an extra stream of students that will commence at the College, flowing on from the increased enrolment at the ELCC and reception. The centre accentuates teacher collaboration, learning differentiation, student agency and community building in a predominantly open design. Design and technology, ecology and sustainability as well as innovation and entrepreneurship will feature as foundational experiences for students.

Pictured right are Matt Whyte, Craig Williamson, David Meziniec, Peter Spain, James Roughana and Shaun Lockwood.



Declan Creates ELC Gift in the New Kitchen

Declan was the first student to use the brand-new Junior School kitchen on Monday.

Declan participated in a lesson on Friday to explore the new kitchen to set him up for independence and success.

On Monday, he felt confident enough to get the utensils he needed independently and produced a bowl of play dough which he will gift to the Early Learning Centre later this week.



Scarlett Gives 'Tick of Approval' to the New Building

Year 4 student, Scarlett Pilven, recently toured the MacKillop Junior School building and gave it her 'tick of approval'!

We're thrilled that the new MacKillop Junior School building is fully-accessible for all students to enjoy, ensuring that we follow through on our commitment that every learner has a place, every learner has a pathway, and every learner will shine.





Ned Skeer Secures Apprenticeship

Congratulations to Ned Skeer in Year 11 who has recently commenced a school-based apprenticeship with Merrett Logging in Penola, undertaking a Certificate III in Heavy Commercial Mechanical Technology.

Well done to Ned and best wishes for your apprenticeship from all at Tenison Woods College.

Ned is pictured with Director of Merrett Logging, John Merrett.

Sharon Brodie | Mathematics Teacher / VET Coordinator



Upcoming Key Dates

Week 5

Wednesday 31 May

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

Thursday 1 June

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

Friday 2 June

- National Reconciliation Week
- Whole School Virtual Assembly Week
- World of Robotics Week
- Year 8 Surfing and Caving Camp B
- UniSA Aboriginal Cultural Event
- Timor Leste Charity Ball

Week 6

Monday 5 June

- Cardijn Exchange, Cardijn College
- Year 12 Drama Rehearsals

Tuesday 6 June

- Cardijn Exchange, Cardijn College
- Year 12 Drama Rehearsals
- St Marcellin Champgnet Feast Day

Wednesday 7 June

- Year 12 Drama Rehearsals
- Year 7/8 Boys Soccer
- Year 3 History Excursion, RSL, Public Library and Vansittart Park
- Year 12 Drama Performance 'And then there were None'

Year 1 Swimming Lessons

Last week, a group of excited students made their way to Wulanda Recreation and Convention Center for their swimming lessons!

Here's what the students thought of their experiences:

- 'We learnt backstroke'
- 'We learnt how to tread water'
- 'We learnt how to kick properly'
- 'We did backwards kicking on our back with a kickboard'
- 'We were learning how to help people'
- 'We got to play What's the time Mr Wolf'
- 'I liked going in the big pool and kicking until the airplane could see you' (safety lesson)
- 'I liked the splash park'
- 'I liked doing backstroke'
- 'I got to have fun'

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 1 students.



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!



Weekly Uniform Focus

Skirt, Dresses, Pants & Shorts

If the temperature is forecast to be below 23 degrees students may wear winter uniform.

Boys navy TWC monogrammed chino shorts or pants (Rec - Year 2)

Boys charcoal TWC monogrammed pants or shorts (Year 3 - 12)

Girls Dress - length is knee length (Year 3 - 6)

Girls Skirts are to be below knee length (Year 7- 12)

Girls navy TWC monogrammed trousers or shorts (optional for Year 3 - 12)

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



World of Robotics Week

This week, the College's Year 4 - 6 and Poplars students have been celebrating World of Robotics Week.

The students have put their minds to the test and built robots with many functions.

The classes utilised the new MacKillop Junior School Technologies Maker Space for this exciting incursion.

SAPSASA Cross Country Results

The official results are in for the 2023 SAPSASA Cross Country in Naracoorte.

Notable mentions to the following top 10 runners but to all students who gave the event their best performance.

8 Boys	Matthew Allen - 10th
9 Boys	Flynn Buckley - 5th
	Ryder Sealey - 6th
	Joseph Dikete - 9th
10 Girls	Mackenna Page - 6th
	Lexie Fennell - 7th
10 Boys	Finn McEachern - 3rd
11 Girls	Zoe Little - 9th
12 Boys	Joel Clayfield - 2nd

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator



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.



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 eitzt@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](#)



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.



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

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

Uniform Shop

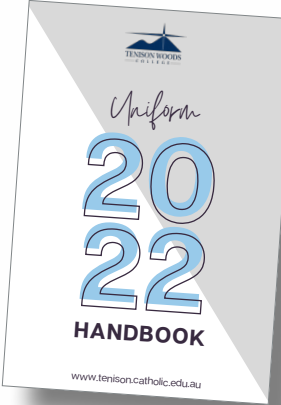
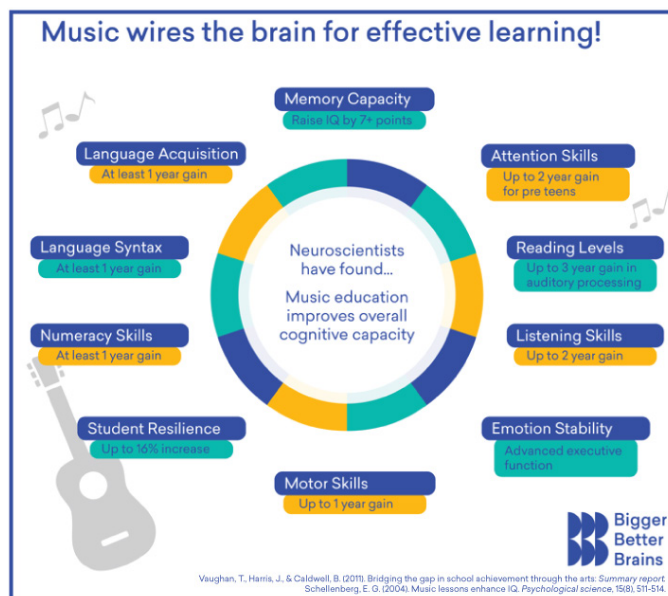
Opening Hours
 Tuesday 8:00am – 12:00pm
 Wednesday 8:00am – 12:00pm
 Thursday 12:30pm – 4:30pm

Closures

- The Uniform Shop will be closed on Thursday 8 June to coincide with the student free day
- The Uniform Shop will be closed during the upcoming holiday period, between Term 2 and 3.

Online Store
 To access the online Uniform Shop please [click here](#).

Kylie Watson | Uniform Shop

Music Optimises Learning

Did you know that music has the incredible ability to wire our brains for optimal learning? It's true!

Music staff Tameka Nube and Sarah Raymond attended "Bigger, Better, Brains" with Dr Anita Collins in Melbourne to learn more about the remarkable impact of music on our brains.

When we engage with music, it activates multiple areas of our brain, igniting neural connections and boosting cognitive function.

Like a symphony, our brains come alive, fostering creativity, improving memory, and sharpening focus.

We can't wait to share our new found knowledge with the Tenison Woods College community. Watch this space to learn more about how Music can benefit your child's growth and learning.

Sarah Raymond and Tameka Nube | Music Teacher

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 being held 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

Upcoming Sports Events

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

WEEK 6
Cardijn Exchange - Sunday 4 May - Tuesday 6th May
 Held 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

Overwhelming Success at Titans Auction

The 2023 Titans USA Basketball Tour Auction Evening was held on Friday 26 May in the Barrie Holmes Stadium. It was an extraordinary event that brought together the South East community in support of the upcoming USA basketball tour. With over 400 guests in attendance, the evening proved to be a remarkable success, not only in terms of fundraising but also in fostering a sense of unity and ownership among the tour participants.

One of the key factors contributing to the success of the auction evening was the overwhelming support from families, local community members, and businesses. Their generous donations of goods and services played a vital role in creating an extensive and enticing auction lineup. From sports memorabilia to Robe holidays to sides of beef and lamb, the auction showcased a wide array of offerings from our local community, captivating the attendees and generating substantial bids. The willingness of the community to contribute highlighted their belief in the importance of supporting the Titans USA Basketball Tour.

Undoubtedly, the success of the evening would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of the volunteer staff. Their tireless work, meticulous planning, and seamless execution ensured that every aspect of the event ran smoothly. From coordinating the auction items to managing the logistics and providing assistance to the guests, the volunteers played an integral role in creating a memorable experience for all attendees.

In addition to the fundraising aspect, the auction evening served as a platform for the students to take ownership of their upcoming tour. The event instilled a sense of responsibility and pride in our young student athletes. I would like to publicly thank the following teams:

- Sugarloaf Café – Jenny Vanikiotis and the wonderful crew.
- Academy of Hospitality – Jen McCourt and her amazing students.
- Rymill Estate – Jeff Croser and his team for the donation of table wine.
- Finance Team – Lisa Yeates & Jess Lindner.
- Bar Staff – Aleisha Hunter, Brad Maney, Tara Millard, Brooke Hicks, Chris Raymond, Riley Thomson & Ollie Thomson.
- TWC Administration – Audine Bryant and Mary De Nys.
- Grounds Team

A very special thanks to Ben Jones & Shaun Minge for auctioneering, Dan Stratford for being our special guest and presenting, all our volunteer parents who assisted with our set up and last but certainly not least Tanya Thomson, Sharon Adams & Anthony Holmes for their countless hours of work behind the scenes.

Overall, the 2023 Titans USA Basketball Tour Auction Evening was an outstanding achievement, both in terms of raising funds for the tour, students fostering a sense of responsibility for the tour and bringing our Tenison Woods College community together. The generosity of the donors, the dedication of the volunteer staff, and the enthusiasm of the attendees made this event a resounding success. With the funds raised and the community's backing, the Titans basketball team is now well-positioned to become global ambassadors, representing not only themselves but also the Tenison Woods College community.

Ciaran Buckley | 2023 Titans USA Basketball tour Coordinator.



Overwhelming Success at Titans Auction



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

Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None



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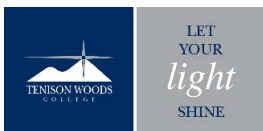
Viewer discretion is advised
This play includes depictions of murder and violence, including the death of multiple characters. It also contains ableist language and descriptions of disability, as well as instances of sexism and gender stereotypes. Additionally, the play features themes of betrayal, deception, 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



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.



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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!