

Weekly Newsletter



Student Free Day - Monday 24 July

Early Dismissal - Friday 7 July,
2:15pm Junior School, 2:20pm Middle/Senior School

Charity Day Raises Funds For Timor-Leste

On Thursday 22 June we held our annual Charity Day.

We started the day with a Whole School Mass in the Barrie Holmes Stadium, followed by lots of great activities held throughout the day, with students having fun with table tennis, basketball, quizzes and lolly-making to name a few.

At lunchtime there were several student-run Timor-inspired market stalls, selling a variety of different items, as well as a student-run BBQ, with money raised going to Timor-Leste and contributing to the Timor-Leste immersion that staff and students will be participating in later this term.

It was another incredible day that everyone looks forward to each year. Stay tuned for the total amount of money raised!



From the Principal



Charity Day - Fun and Fundraising

Thank you to all students, staff and parents who supported the Charity Day last Thursday, with a focus on our long standing connection to Timor-Leste. We began with a Whole School Mass at 9:00am, where Father Peter Zwaans helped us reflect on the word "charity" which originates from the Latin word *caritas*, meaning "generosity," "caring," or "love." Charity is often used to refer to giving money to those in need, but Father Peter reminded us that it can also encompass other kinds of giving, such as giving time or talent. Ultimately charity is an act that seeks the good for another with no thought of receiving anything in return.

The Mass was followed by activities run by Year 12 students in the Barrie Holmes Stadium at. Here year 12s expressed their charity in organising a range of activities which appealed to all year levels. Year levels attended the activities with their buddy class to have some fun but to also accentuate year level cooperation and peer mentoring.

Students were invited to wear casual clothes and bring cash as well as stationary items, to support Timor-Leste projects. Thank you to staff and students who offered to sell items at the market stalls at lunchtime under the sails.

It was a great day of fun and fund raising.

Buon voyage - Timor-Leste Immersion Delegation One

The Tenison Woods College 2023 Immersion Program to Timor-Leste will depart from Mount Gambier Sunday 2nd July and return Friday 14th July. Under the guidance of Bernadette Fisher, with the assistance from Jen McCourt and Lucy Williams, the delegation includes:

- Gael Chizungu
- Aden Clarke
- Madi Derrington
- Tillie Derrington
- Ruby Jacobs
- Jemma Jarnevic
- Emily Jolley
- Grace Kentish
- McDonald Alex
- Mia Passauer-Jones
- Claudia Prosperi- Porta
- Lana Shepherd
- Evie Thompson
- Sophie Wight



Don't forget to follow the "Timor-Leste 2023 Trip A Blog", this can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

I trust these students will gain insights into the realities of life for our poorest neighbors of Timor-Leste in both village and urban contexts as well as to witness the work of the Church as it meets the material, pastoral and spiritual needs of the communities served by its presence. All money raised this year will be distributed to the communities that delegates will visit, such as the Bakhita Centre, the Dominican Orphanage and our sister school in Hatolia, San Francisco Xavier College. This year Bernadette Fisher and the delegation are also looking forward to a tour of Klibur Domin, a charitable home operated by the Ryder Cheshire foundation, which has strong links to Mount Gambier.

Through immersing themselves into the Timorese culture, students will embark on a transformative journey of learning and self-discovery. They will witness the resilience and determination of the communities they visit, gaining a deep understanding of their challenges, but at the same time their appreciation of their precious gift of life. It is hoped that this experience will foster empathy, compassion and an appreciation for cultural diversity and will inspire our students to strive for a more just and inclusive world.

I look forward to hearing the stories of the delegation and their insights into how the funds raised by our community this year will be donated and put to good use to support our neighbouring sisters and brothers.

Carpark Safety with the new MacKillop Junior School Building

Have you seen the new play equipment for the Junior School? I am delighted that work has commenced on our nature play areas adjacent to the south eastern side of the building ... and it is looking great!

We are learning about the impact of the building and play areas on vehicle and foot traffic within our community. As such, could we ask that families use the driveway adjacent to the ELCC to drop off students and use the central path between the ELCC/ Reception building and the Administration building to access the MacKillop Junior School building.

If that approach causes families a challenge and the Pam Ronan Centre / Barrie Holmes Stadium driveway is used, could the walking paths to the MacKillop Junior School be used.

In essence, using paths designated for walking will be the safest way to access the MacKillop Junior School Building.

White Avenue Safety - Use the Koala Crossing

Families are finding White Avenue a good place to pick up their children. If children cross White Avenue I ask them to cross at the Koala crossing. Using the Koala crossing offers some extra safety, as cars slow down to navigate the narrowed road.

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 the return a positive COVID-19 test.
- Families are recommended to notify the school/centre if their child returns a positive COVID-19 test.

Student Exemption Form required for absences over 5 days.

If your child will be absent from school for more than 5 days, please ensure that you contact the Administration Office to obtain a Student Exemption Form. All absenteeism for more than 5 days is approved by the College Principal and entered into our Attendance system to ensure accurate records are maintained and family's government benefits and allowances are protected.

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.

God Bless,
David Meziniec | Principal

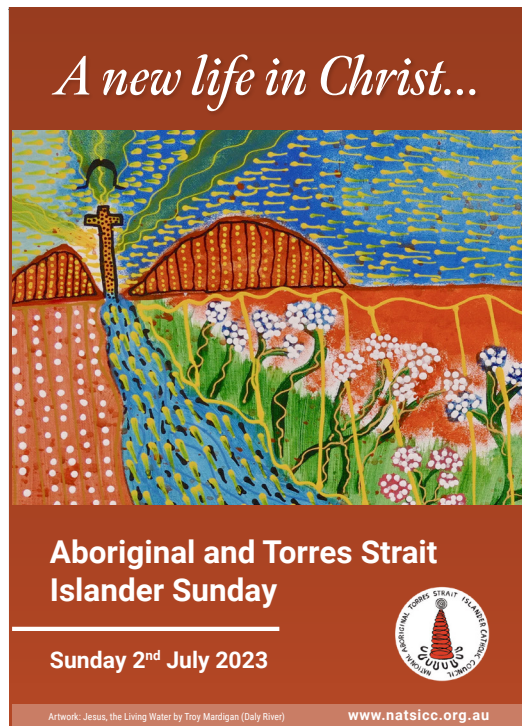
CIM Team News



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

This Sunday marks Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday with the theme, 'A New Life in Christ: Uniting as One People,' and the beginning of National NAIDOC week. Each year, Catholics from all corners of Australia gather on this day to celebrate the unique gifts and contributions of Australia's First Peoples. This year's theme, reflects the hope and promise of a brighter future, rooted in unity and shared commitment to positive change.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday symbolises our unity as one people in Christ, and we encourage both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Catholics from across this great Southern Land to come together for Mass.



Sacramental Program- Celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Last Sunday, the children from the College and Parish prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion gathered for their final workshop and preparation session. The children learned about the ministry of altar serving including a tour of the sacristy, a new Junior Sacristan Ministry and created their decorations for the church, as well as practicing how to receive the consecrated host with Fr Peter.

We ask you to keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this Sacrament. On the weekend of July 8 and 9, we invite you to journey with and support these students at the following Masses:

Saturday, 08 July, 6.00pm

- Grace Mugavin
- Angus Robinson
- Anastasia Pettingil
- Blake Humphries
- Ted Lucas
- Harry Lucas
- Lexie Fennell
- Adrian Amaroto
- Jacob Uchang
- Alexandra Elibare

Sunday, 09 July, 11.00am

- Abbey Kroon
- Yehobin Panayil
- Lukas Moors
- Isaac Lindner
- Ava Hayden
- Mia Guthridge
- Jaxon Pittard
- Jesse Pittard
- Jemma Pittard
- Elizabeth Kiyombo
- Hayden Johnston

Whole School Mass- Thanks

On Thursday last week, 22 June, we celebrated Charity Day. The morning commenced with a heartfelt Mass led by Father Peter, bringing our community together to reflect upon the significance of charity. We emphasized that love serves as the bedrock of charity. It is love that enables us to empathize with others and compels us to selflessly engage in acts of kindness. We will carry this message with us throughout the rest of the year and beyond. Students certainly did act charitably throughout the day. The total amount of money raised will be announced at the Whole School Assembly next week.

From the Parish

Mass for the Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul

Join us at St. Paul's on Thursday, 29 June, at 6:00pm for a Special Mass dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul on their Feast Day.

Corpus Christi- Presence

Following the Feast of Corpus Christi, we will turn our focus to the Eucharist over the coming weeks. Each week the Sunday homily will complement an episode of the series PRESENCE.

To access Presence through formed.org online for FREE, please contact Mount Gambier Parish Office. The parish will also have a screening each week. The final screening will be 7pm of Thursday 29 June in the Gathering Space at St Paul's, Mt Gambier.

Little Lambs

Little Lambs is a faith formation program for children aged 3 to 5 years old. It runs every Thursday morning during school terms from 9.30-11.00am in St Joseph Room (adjacent to the main hall) on the grounds of St Paul's Catholic Church. It is a place for the children to learn and be exposed to the beauty of our faith. A place where they discover more about our loving Father, our Lord Jesus, our Blessed Mother and all the saints. A place where we invite the Holy Spirit to lead the children in learning about the beautiful stories found in the Scriptures, the Sacraments, and the traditions. Entry is by gold coin donations. For any queries, please contact Julie at littlelambs@mtgcatholic.org.au

Upcoming Liturgical Events

- Thursday 29 June- 9:10am Year 11 Mass
- Thursday 29 June- 10:15am Year 2 Liturgy
- Thursday 6 July- 9:10am Year 4 Liturgy of the Word
- Sat/Sun 8 and 9 July- Sacrament of First Holy Communion at both Masses

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator



Academy of Hospitality Assist at 'Cows for Cambodia' Event

On Friday 23 June a group of students from Academy of Hospitality stepped up to assist at a gala dinner for 160 people, held at the Mount Gambier Racecourse as a 'Cows for Kids' fundraising activity. The fundraising efforts of Cows for Kids sees 100% of funds raised locally donated to Cambodian children living in poverty around the Siem Reap district.

Our students donated their time to help serve the 3-course meal, working alongside St Bees Catering whilst also completing assessment tasks for core units of Certificate II in Hospitality.

Many thanks to these students for not only the donation of their time but their professionalism and enjoyment in serving such a large crowd, you were very impressive!

Jen McCourt | VET Academy of Hospitality Teacher



Upcoming Key Dates

WEEK 9

Wednesday 28 June

- College Board Meeting, Board Room | 7:00pm
- SAPSASA Netball Carnival, Adelaide
- Year 7/8 Girls Basketball Finals, Adelaide
- Year 10 Exams

Thursday 29 June

- St Peter and Paul Day
- Junior Music Camp, Karnkendi
- Year 7/8 Basketball Finals, Adelaide
- Year 10 Exams
- Year 11 Exams
- Year 9/10 Boys Soccer, Tenison | 9:00am to 11:00am
- 'Emil & the Detectives' Performance, Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre | 12:00pm to 2:30pm

Friday 30 June

- Junior Music Camp, Karnkendi
- Year 10 Exams
- Year 4 - Year 6 Assembly | 2:05pm
- Reception - Year 3 Assembly | 2:40pm

WEEK 10

Monday 3 July

- NAIDOC Week
- Timor-Leste Immersion Trip
- Year 11 Exams
- Year 10 Work Placement
- Reception Transition Morning 2

Tuesday 4 July

- Year 4 Learning Expo, MacKillop Junior School Building | 2:30pm to 3:45pm
- NAIDOC Week
- Timor-Leste Immersion Trip
- Year 11 Exams
- Year 10 Work Placement

Wednesday 5 July

- Reception Art Exhibition | 2:15pm to 3:15pm
- Reception Art Exhibition | 5:00pm to 6:00pm
- Adelaide University Open Music Academy Visit | 12:30pm to 1:30pm
- NAIDOC Week
- Timor-Leste Immersion Trip
- Year 11 Exams
- Year 10 Work Placement



Art On Show

Our Year 9 Project Mural class have completed a mural which has now been installed down in Marist Park.

This is the first mural class that have produced an artwork for a local community space on their own. From brainstorming, finding sources of inspiration, sketching, combining ideas, making colour selections and priming the surfaces, right through to the finished piece, our students have worked hard to create something they are incredibly proud of.

If you get a spare moment, be sure to check it out in person, it's even more impressive!

Meghan Amoroso | Teacher/Arts Learning Area Coordinator



Middle School Student Leadership Day

Current and potential Middle School student leaders participated in a day of activities at the Wulanda Centre on Friday 23 June to recognise and grow their knowledge and skills in leadership.

Students showed impressive wisdom and team skills as they worked together on a range of challenges. Mr Meziniec and Mrs Sigley led sessions on effective strategies to help students lead others to improve our College and the wider community.

It was a fun and inspiring day for both students and staff.

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 during the upcoming holiday period.

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

Kylie Watson | Uniform Shop




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 11 Work Experience

Recently Year 11 student, Richard Kinyabuguma, undertook work experience at local real estate agents, Key 2 Sale.

Throughout the week he worked on various projects, including designing in Canva, helping at open homes, attending photo shoots and much more.

We hope the week was enjoyable and insightful.



Year 10 Shark Tank Pitches

Year 10 'Shark Tank' culminated a semester of work in 'Pitch Week' last week. During the semester, students picked their own 'problem' and looked at solutions with a business and innovation focus.

We had pitches about managing your cows, connecting the farmer to the customer, safety in public, the information available for food in the school and sports and wellness. We've had members of our community such as Senior Constable, Deb Edwards, and members of staff – led by the head shark, Mr Mezinic – ask some probing questions, very much like what you see on the TV show 'Shark Tank'.

Well done to all the students on some innovative and excellent work in this subject!

Sharon Brodie | Mathematics Teacher / VET Coordinator



Teacher Opens Local Art Exhibition

Teacher/Arts Learning Area Coordinator, Meghan Amoroso, recently spoke to ABC South East about her local art exhibition 'DOG', featuring work from past and current students as well as herself. This art exhibition is currently on display at Confession and Hastings Cunningham Reserve dog park, with all proceeds going to the South East Animal Welfare League Mount Gambier.

You can watch her ABC interview by [clicking here](#).

You can bid on the artwork by [clicking here](#).

Congratulations to all artists on the fantastic exhibition!

Photo courtesy of the ABC South East SA Facebook page.



Mad Minute Grand Challenge

Following the great success of the Lions Mad Minute Competition at school, three year 5 students travelled to Mount Gambier High School to compete against other local schools from the region.

The 2023 competition involved 34 schools and over 1000 students in 59 classes across the Limestone Coast region, culminating in this week's 2 Grand Challenges for the Lower and Upper Limestone Coast - a significant growth over the years from the first individual school based events in 2012.

Our three representatives Saxon Gabrielli, Luke Olivier and Caitlin Barry proudly competed in the Lower Limestone Coast Grand Challenge, against over 40 peers from local schools.

We would like to thank the Rotary Lions Club of Mount Gambier and it's members across the South East for their continued running of this fantastic experience for Year 5 students across the region.

Well done Saxon, Luke and Caitlin!



Students embark on a trip of a lifetime!

Year 9 students Louise Stanley and Colby Ind, along with Year 11 student Ebony Wurst, have been invited to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Saemangeum, Korea.

The students will depart Mount Gambier in late July and spend two weeks at the Jamboree site before exploring South Korea for a further week.

The World Scout Jamboree is held every four years and sees thousands of Scouts gather to exchange cultures and enjoy adventure.

We wish Louise, Colby and Ebony all the best and look forward to hearing about the amazing trip upon their return.



Welcoming New Reception Students for Term 3

On Monday, we held the first of our Reception transition days for students starting in Term 3! There were lots of new smiling Reception faces entering the College as they embarked on their exciting transition to school.

Upon arriving, the new Reception students were paired up with a Year 5 buddy to ease them into the classroom.

The students participated in a range of fun activities while they got to know the Reception teachers and made connections with current students.

We hope they enjoyed this experience and look forward to their first official day of school in Term 3.

From the Sports Department



SAPSASA Netball

Good Luck to our Year 5/6 students who are currently competing at the SAPSASA Netball Competition, held over 3 days at the Netball SA Stadium in Adelaide!

To make the SAPSASA team for the Lower South East is a wonderful achievement. Congratulations to all of our students!

Upcoming Sports Events

There are plenty of Knockout events occurring this term, below are the events locked in the calendar for the remainder of Term 2:

WEEK 9

- **Year 7/8 Basketball Finals** - Thursday 29 June
Played in Adelaide; coached by Kym Hammond and Sarah Nulty (Old Scholar)
- **Year 9/10 Boys Soccer** - Thursday 29 June
Played at Tenison, coached by David Cole

With many sports happening umpires or volunteers are always required. If you would like to volunteer please email hickb@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

Brooke Hicks | 7-12 Sports Coordinator



SAPSASA Hockey

Last week our sole representative at SAPSASA hockey, Arielle Haggis, Year 5 student, played a series of games against some fierce Adelaide and country based teams. The hockey team won two games, drew one and came close to the other games they played. Playing in a variety of positions, the girls did extremely well in the division one competition.

Tina Opperman | R - 6 Sports Coordinator

School Photos - Important Information

School photos will be held in Week 2, Term 3 on MONDAY 31 JULY & TUESDAY 1 AUGUST



In Week 1 Term 3, photo envelopes will be distributed on **TUESDAY 25 JULY** (following the Student Free Day on Monday 24 July) **and will need to be returned by FRIDAY 28 JULY.**

A Schedule regarding timing for Class / Year Level photos will be sent out shortly.

All students will be photographed regardless of ordering for identification purposes and our College Yearbook. Please Note: If you are not purchasing a photo pack for your child, there is no need to return the form.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS: All students will need to be wearing full winter uniform - including jumper. If your child has PE on the day of their photos, they will need to change into their PE uniform for this lesson. We have scheduled all Junior School classes around PE uniform day, to ensure students will be wearing full winter uniform.

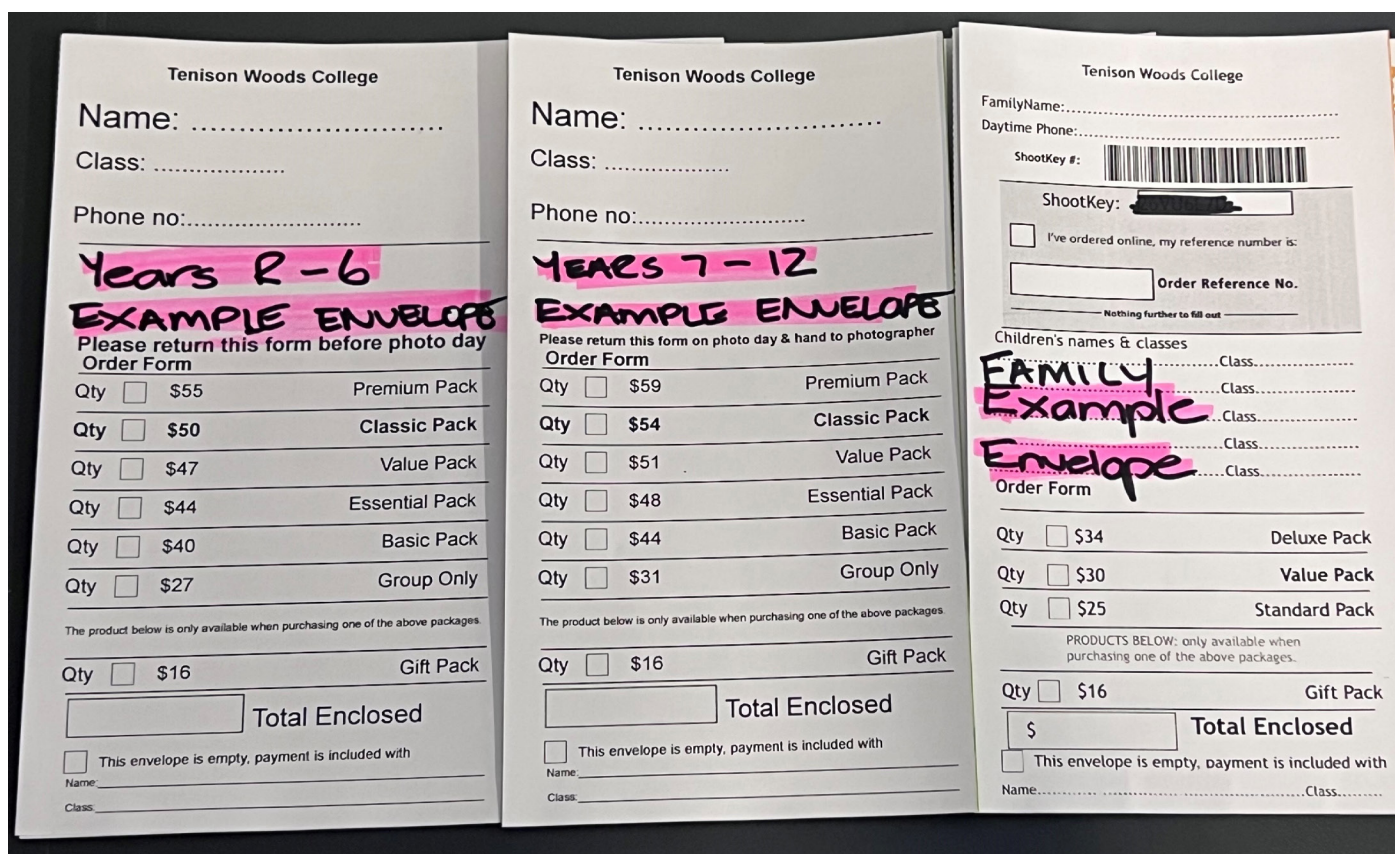
Please refer to the Uniform Policy [HERE](#) and Uniform Handbook [HERE](#). Both are available on the College Website.

FAMILY PHOTOS: If you wish to have family photos taken - forms need to be collected from the Front Office (forms will be available from Tuesday 25 July), and returned to the Front Office by Friday 28 July. Due to the short timeframe between receiving envelopes and family photos being taken, we ask your children present themselves to the Lecture Theatre at either of the following timeslots, on either day, that works best for your children. Eg. When wearing full school uniform (not PE uniform) is best.

- **Before School 8:00am - 8:30am**
- **Recess 10:55am - 11:20am**
- **Lunch 1:20pm - 2:00pm**
- **After School 3:15pm - 4:00pm**

Please contact me if you have any questions - 8725 5455 or email: herrj@tenison.catholic.edu.au

Jess Herring | PR, Marketing & Events Manager



OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE
2024 RECEPTION STUDENTS

COFFEE & CRAFT

AT TENISON WOODS COLLEGE

WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST, 9.00AM

THURSDAY 17 AUGUST, 9.00AM

Come and engage in the wonder of play to
create, innovate, problem-solve and imagine.

BOOK NOW



2023 Reception Art Exhibition

"Every Child is an Artist" - Pablo Picasso

Please join us to celebrate and enjoy the
exhibition of creative work.

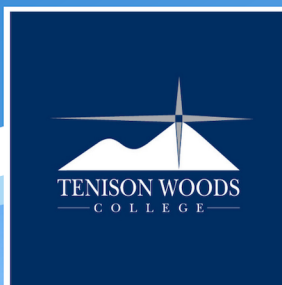
Wednesday 5 July

2:15pm - 3:15pm and 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Reception MacKillop Community Centre



Welcome to the MACKILLOP JUNIOR SCHOOL



LET
YOUR
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SHINE



UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 10, TERM 2

TUESDAY 4 JULY

YEAR 4 LEARNING EXPO

2:30PM - 3:30PM

WEDNESDAY 5 JULY

RECEPTION ART EXHIBITION

2:15PM - 3:15PM

5:00PM - 6:00PM

THURSDAY 6 JULY

YEAR 1 MEET THE AUTHOR

2:30PM - 3:30PM

FURTHER FAMILY CONNECTION EVENTS IN JUNIOR SCHOOL TO COME NEXT TERM

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!