

Weekly Newsletter



Coffee and Craft Tours

Last Week, we held two 'Coffee and Craft' events for families looking to enrol their children in Reception for 2024 and beyond.

These mornings are a great way for the children to get familiar with the Reception Learning Community and participate in some fun craft activities. All while mum and dad enjoy a coffee and the opportunity to chat with College staff and other parents.

Thank you to the families and children that attended, and we look forward to you joining the Tenison Woods College Community.



From the Principal



Founders Week Fun

What a great week! Thank you to all the students, staff and families who contributed to the success of the Founders Week.

Thank you to our Year 12, 9 and 6 Founder leaders for leading a number of lunchtime activities for students that accumulated house points towards the Founders Cup.

The College community appreciated the videoed prayer located in SEQTA on each of the Founder celebration days led by our Years 6, 9 and 12 Founder Leaders, providing a little more insight into each of our founders.

Timor Leste Delegation \$8,000 Challenge

We have 'locked on to' the challenge put to us by our Timor Leste delegates. We now have a goal to raise a further \$8,000 before the next delegation departs on 23 September, so that the boarding school dormitory for girls in Hatolia can be completed. The delegation was shown the dormitory for 40 young girls who board at the school. The conditions were very basic and quite upsetting to see.

A new dorm is in the process of being built and as a group the delegation have made a promise to the girls to raise the required \$8,000 to finish the project before the next trip. So we were urged to roll up our sleeves as a community and raise the funds needed. For more information on how you can help contact Bernadette Fisher bernf@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

CESA Community LLL Perception Surveys

By the conclusion of Week 5 of Term 3 all Catholic Schools in South Australia will complete the CESA Living, Learning, Leading Perception Surveys. The surveys are a product of a collaboration between Catholic Education SA (CESA) and Curtin University and are focussed on the development, validation and use of a system-wide survey to examine the understanding of the vision and extent to which Catholic Education SA's Living Learning Leading Framework is taking place in schools as perceived by students, family and staff.

Teacher and student surveys will be conducted in schools between weeks 1 and the end of Week 3, Term 3. Parent surveys can be conducted anytime up to the end of Week 5.

There are 7 surveys in total as described below.

1. Middle Primary Years 3 and 4
2. Upper Primary Years 5 and 6
3. Middle School Years 7, 8 and 9
4. Senior School Years 10, 11 and 12
5. Teacher survey
6. ESO staff
7. Parent survey

Each survey has been trialled, refined and piloted in a range of CESA school settings and the development team is confident that schools will derive very useful information for planning and improvement.

Wellbeing Initiative - Classroom Pulse 'Check-In'

As in past years, each term this year during Week 5 and 6 every student in a Catholic School in South Australia will participate in a simple online Classroom Pulse Check-In. This check-in has been developed to ascertain how students are currently feeling about their experience in school. It is tailored to allow your child's teacher(s) to check-in and provide immediate feedback and support to them. The check-in will be carried out during the school day.

I am conscious that life in school has its 'ups and downs, but I am also confident that your child's teachers want to understand how students are feeling so they are able to support you and your child in meeting any social, emotional, or learning needs that they may have.

To enable this, your child's teacher and I will have access to their responses to facilitate follow up and support as required. Please be assured, as your child's prime caregiver that any support required will be communicated and discussed with you in advance.

There are a range of simple questions about your child's life at school, their identity as a person and a learner, their sense of belonging, safety, and friendships. A sample of the check-in can be found here www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/classroompulse

In addition to supporting your child, de-identified data from all participating schools will be used by Catholic Education SA to identify trends to assist in future planning for the support of the learning and wellbeing for students across South Australia.

Catholic Education SA believes that our role is to help every child to be a thriving person, capable learner and a leader for the world God desires. We believe this check-in will play an important part in supporting that goal and your child. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further clarification.

2024 Middle and Senior School Subject Counselling

Thank you to the Counselling Teams who supported families with the Middle and Senior School Subject Selection process, which commenced last week with the release of the 2024 Curriculum Handbooks on Tuesday 8 August at the Pathways and Careers Expo. The Curriculum Handbooks are available online as well as the Subject Selection forms that can be downloaded: <https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/teaching-and-learning/2024-curriculum>

Respect, Dignity and Care in an Online World

Online opportunities offer a significant source of connection, information and wellbeing. Such opportunities also reiterate for me the importance of our College 'village' in caring for the safety of our children, adolescents and emerging adults in a environments which can offer on the one hand abundant support, and then on the other hand significant risks.

In this space, I turn to the work of Susan McLean, one of Australia's foremost authorities in cyber safety, who encourages us to realise that:

- Respect and responsibility are to be used with consistency in the eWorld.
- Sending mixed messages about cyber safety is not life giving to children and confuses them.
- You can't have complacency online.
- Cyberspace is a public space and there is no such thing as private online.
- Nothing can be totally deleted – it always remains there in cyberspace.
- You are never anonymous online - everything can be traced, in that you always leave a digital footprint and your postings and comments can be found years later.
- Passwords are the key to your online security and must never be shared and should be changed every three months.
- Anyone can be anyone online – caution is critical.
- There is no such thing as a safe website or application.

Unfortunately, over 30% of Australian teens report being cyber bullied and Susan identifies "a new mean" through the online medium which is occurring at a younger age. She also critiques the role of popular television shows which did not portray the real consequences to such situations of sexting and risky cyber behaviours. It is also apparent that cyber safety issues often touched the students you least expected.

Susan McLean is clear about the significant dangers in relation to online grooming and encourages us to think of an online friend as actually a stranger, with the associated dangers. She clarifies the nuance of knowing the person as distinct from knowing of the person, encouraging children and adolescents to be choosy in relation to friends.

We understand that all internet enabled devices (iPad, phone, iPod, Xbox) are best placed in a common area of the house and not in the bedroom; or at least turning the internet off when a child is in the bedroom with the device. Susan speaks of the importance of passive supervision in a well trafficked areas of the house. Just as with the opportunities of our globally connected 'real world,' I encourage parents and teachers to embrace the cyberspace, understand the salient issues, acknowledge positives and negatives, as well as be proactive and consistent so that our children and adolescents are afforded the real and actual life-giving safety that we hope.

School Crossing Reminders

I remind parents about the 25kmph speed limit through the School Crossing when the lights are flashing or at any time when children are present. Crossing monitors are on duty from 8:20am – 8:40am in the morning and from 3:10pm – 3:30pm in the afternoon to cross children safely. If a parent or child pedestrian is stopped there, waiting to cross, even before the crossing monitors have arrived, please stop and allow them to cross.

Please note that it is a legal obligation for drivers at the crossing when the lights are flashing and it is not attended by crossing guards:

- 25kmh must be attained BEFORE the 25 sign, and the drivers must STOP when adults OR children have stood at the side to try and cross.
- Speed must NOT be increased until AFTER the 50kmh sign.

As per legislation, you are also asked not to obstruct the crossing, whilst waiting in a line-up of traffic.

We are looking at measures with the City of Mount Gambier to minimise the congestion in and around our carparks, but I ask for your cooperation, presence and patience during these challenging winter weeks.

God Bless,
David Mezinac | Principal

CIM Team News



Founders Week and Charity Day

It was wonderful to see students and staff from across the College involved in celebrating their House Founders last week. Our student leaders did a wonderful job leading our virtual presentation each morning and engaging with students in lunchtime activities throughout the week.

Vinnies Raffle Winner

Thank you to everyone that purchased a ticket in the Vinnies Winter Appeal Raffle. We raised \$385 for people in need in the Limestone Coast region. The winner was Wayne Legutko. Congratulations!

Father's Day Breakfast

On Friday 1 September, we will be holding our annual Father's Day Breakfast in the Barrie Holmes Stadium. The breakfast will begin at 7:20am and conclude at 8:20am. Information and RSVP details have been sent home via Edsmart.

LET YOUR light SHINE

FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS BREAKFAST

TENISON WOODS COLLEGE INVITES ALL FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY

EGG & BACON BREAKFAST FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION

RSVP ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS VIA EDMART OR EMAIL
FIONA.ZWARF@TENISON.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU BY MONDAY 28 AUGUST

BARRIE HOLMES STADIUM

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER • 7:20AM - 8:20AM

Social Justice Sunday

This Sunday, 27 August, is Social Justice Sunday. This special day is a dedicated day for us to discuss the importance of fairness, equality, and inclusivity. The Social Justice Statement for 2023-2024 is titled Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. On this Social Justice Sunday, Australia's Bishops are asking us to renew our engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. They have come to this view through much listening to the First Peoples and they encourage us all to listen to them in a spirit of love and humility. More information can be found here: [Social Justice Statement 2023-24 - Office For Justice, Ecology and Peace \(catholic.org.au\)](https://www.catholic.org.au/social-justice-statement-2023-24)

Year 11 Retreat

Next week the Year 11 students and staff will travel to Halls Gap for their annual Retreat. The theme of this Retreat is 'Behind the Mask'. The Retreat is an opportunity to spend time together as a year level and to learn more about the story behind each human face. The Retreat allows students to build connections between one another and to reflect on their sense of self and their relationship with God. The Grampians is a wonderful place to connect with the natural environment and spend time reflecting on the world created for us to care for.

Masses at Tenison Woods College

Mass is celebrated each Thursday of the term and is led by a different year level each week. Upcoming Masses and Liturgies are as follows-

- Week 5 Thursday 24 August - Year 12
- Week 5 Thursday 24 August - Reception Liturgy 10:15am
- Week 6 Thursday 31 August - Year 8
- Week 7 Thursday 7 September - Year 5

From the Parish

Family Mass

The next Family Mass will be held on Sunday 27 August at 11:00am. We invite all our primary aged children to come along. If your child would like to take part in reading, singing or offertory in future masses, please contact Rayhna Stephens at Tenison Woods College or Cisca Teodoro at the Parish Office for further details.

St Paul's Children's Choir

In preparation for the Family Mass on Sunday 27 August, the Children's Choir will be having a rehearsal on Thursday 24 August at 6:00pm in the choir loft of St Paul's church. Children aged 8 and older are invited to come along. For any enquiries, please contact Debbie Brogan on 0473 182 466.

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator



Upcoming Key Dates

WEEK 5

Thursday 24 August

- 2024 Year 7 - 9 Webchoice
- Reception Liturgy | 10:15am
- 2024 Year 7 Subject Finalisation | Mount Gambier
- 2024 Subject Counselling Year 9 - 11 | Penola Families, 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Friday 25 August

- Book Week Parade | 9:00am
- SAPSASA Regional Golf Day | Naracoorte

WEEK 6

Monday 28 August

- Year 11 Retreat | Halls Gap
- Year 2 Swimming Lessons | Wulunda 11:15am - 2:15pm
- Year 7-12 Knockout Netball | Adelaide

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- ICAS MATHematics Competition | Years 2-10

Wednesday 30 August

- Year 11 Retreat | Halls Gap
- Year 2 Swimming Lessons | Wulunda 11:15am - 2:15pm
- College Board Meeting | Board Room 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Thursday 31 August

- Year 2 Swimming Lessons | Wulunda 11:15am - 2:15pm

Friday 1 September

- Fathers Day Breakfast | Barrie Holmes Stadium, 7:20am - 8:20am
- Year 2 Swimming Lessons | Wulunda 11:15am - 2:15pm
- Years 1 - 4 Patch Theatre Excursions | Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre
- Years 4-6 Assembly | 2:05pm
- Years R-3 Assembly | 2:35pm

Uniform Shop

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

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

Kylie Watson | Uniform Shop

Uniform 2023 HANDBOOK
www.tenison.catholic.edu.au



Book Fair Week 6

Monday 28 August to Friday 1 September is our annual Scholastic Book Fair which this year is being held in the Library.

Opening times for Parents and Students:

Monday to Friday

- 8:20am - 8:55am Morning session
- 3:20pm - 3:45pm Afternoon session

Payment for goods purchased will be either cash or card. We hope to see you there.

Jess Lucas | Library Assistant



Newcastle University Science and Engineering Challenge

Last Wednesday, thirty of our Year 8, 9 and 10 students competed in the Newcastle University Science and Engineering Challenge held at the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre.

Students were split into teams of up to four and had to complete challenges as diverse as making a balsa plane that was tested for distance and accuracy, routing electricity to maximise efficiency in an imaginary city, creating a code to communicate with coloured light, and building a bridge that was tested to destruction. Our students represented the school admirably, and although we did not win overall, the bridge created by Year 10 group D'arci Bell, Sammie Considine, James Taylor and Brooke Hammond was equal best on the day, surviving all weights placed on it up to the "Bridge Buster."

A special thank you goes to Rotary for organising sponsors and coordinating volunteers and the sausage sizzle lunch. The sponsors donated money and/or personnel and the event, which promotes STEM and careers related to STEM, would not happen without their support.

More photos can be found in the gallery later in the newsletter.

Jason de Nys | Science and Maths Coordinator



Year 10 Discussion Panel

The Year 10 cohort were audience to a panel discussion on career pathways in Week 4. Featuring James Stapleton, a Radiographer with Benson Radiology, Tahlia Gabrielli, Principal of Ray White Real Estate, Chloe Mackenzie, Scholarship Forester with OneFortyOne, and Kyle Summers, Mechanical Supervisor at OneFortyOne, each shared details of their respective career journeys.

All four panellists discussed the importance of giving something a 'go', having good verbal and written communication skills, and demonstrating initiative and interest.

It was particularly interesting to have Chloe speak of her journey, having graduated as DUX in 2020 at Tenison Woods College and immediately moving to Adelaide to pursue a Bachelor of Medical Science. Having spent six months in Adelaide and not enjoying her degree, she took time off and returned to Mount Gambier to live. In 2022, she decided to study a Bachelor of Science (majoring in Earth and Environmental Systems) online, which has allowed her to remain living in Mount Gambier. In late 2022, she applied for the OneFortyOne Scholarship Program, and joined the team in February this year. She now works at OneFortyOne three days a week while continuing to study full-time. The scholarship program allows Chloe to rotate through different teams within the Forestry sector of the business and learn how they all come together for the lifecycle of the tree, from planting to final harvest and delivery to customers. Chloe currently works in the Resources team, assisting with research projects on how OneFortyOne can incorporate more remote sensing into inventory programs. She will move into the two-year graduate program with OneFortyOne in 2025 after she graduates. It was also a highlight having Maelee Dalton attend as an observer.

Maelee is a previous student of the College and is now completing a Traineeship with Ray White Real Estate. Maelee has pursued her interest in real estate since Year 10 when she commenced VET studies. Following successful work placements, she was offered the opportunity to continue her studies and work with Tahlia at Ray White Real Estate.

For students to be able to hear from, and see, what recent graduates have done is always invaluable. We thank all panellists for sharing their time and perspectives.

Jody Elliot | Careers Co-ordinator



From Little Things Big Things Grow!

In Week 4, our Reception and Year 12 Buddies enjoyed spending some quality time together. Our oldest and youngest students have been meeting regularly throughout the year and have formed some great friendships. We look forward to watching these bonds strengthen as the year continues.

More photos can be found in the gallery later in the newsletter.



Year 2 SAKG Science Week Activity

In SAKG during Week 4 the Year 2s created Eton Mess, a delicious dessert, while honing a crucial culinary skill: egg separation.

As part of Science Week, students delved into the science behind crafting the perfect meringues. They explored the chemical reactions and techniques that contribute to achieving the ideal texture. As it was also Founders Week, to infuse a touch of house spirit, students incorporated their house colours into the meringues!



9SHINE 'Leave No Trace' Expo

During Week 4, the 9SHINE students held a 'Leave no Trace' Expo in the Barrie Holmes Stadium.

Each group created a solution to a community environmental issue using the 'Leave no Trace' principles. Year 5 and 6 classes walked through the expo asking hard hitting questions to the exhibitors.

The purpose of this expo is to prepare the Year 9 students for their upcoming 9SHINE experience that will occur in Term 4.

Some quotes from 6D:

"A highlight for us was the chickens. This display featured an engaging display, helps to raise awareness of the benefits of having chooks and provided lots of information about the concept."

"Our students also liked the recyclable chair concept. the display featured vast information and there was a prototype for us to examine."

"The Recyclable Clothing concept was unique and interesting. the pamphlets provided us with information about the idea and how it could be implemented."

"The model to show how plastics can be flattened was very interactive. It was so cleverly constructed and the group's explanations about their ideas was very well done."

More photos can be found in the gallery later in the newsletter.



SHINEfm Podcast - Term 3, Week 5

This week on SHINEfm we caught up with Librarian Alex Nicholson to talk all things Book Week and about the exciting parade coming up on Friday.

We look forward to seeing all the colourful costumes on display.

Listen on Spotify: <https://shorturl.at/fkn04>

Listen on our Website: <https://shorturl.at/lmwP8>



MASA Quiz Night

Recently, the MASA (Mathematical Association of South Australia) quiz night was held in Penola. It is a State-wide quiz that is hosted by a couple of dozen schools. The Penola event boasted the greatest number of tables entered. Teams of up to four competed against students from across the South East, in a test of wits: solving tricky maths problems and pondering diverse general knowledge questions. The Tenison Woods College Senior Team of Alex McCarthy, Vincent van Eyk, Hayden Luo and Josh Tresidder took out the Senior Mathematics prize and the Junior team of Isabelle Neumann, Jake Parker and Gabriel Strachan out-calculated the opposition to win the Mathematical prize in the Junior division. All teams had a great night, and we have some keen mathematicians who look forward to competing again next year. Special thanks to Chris Lloyd for driving the bus.

Jason de Nys | Science and Maths Coordinator



Chinese Dumpling Delights

Over the last two weeks, our Year 7 and 8 Chinese classes participated in a cooking lesson with Mr Chen.

Throughout the lesson they learnt how to make Chinese dumplings from scratch, before cooking them and using chopsticks to enjoy their tasty creations. The students were also tasked with communicating in Chinese while creating their dumplings.

These lessons allow the students to broaden their theoretical learning of the culture with the exploration of Chinese food.

We know the students would have enjoyed their delicious dumplings and we thank Mr Chen for sharing his culinary expertise with the classes.



Exchange Students Join Our College Community

In Term 3, we welcomed the following exchange students:

- Alfredo Alleruzzo – From Brescia, Italy
- Carla Beutler – From Germany
- Francesco Saretta – From Mussulate, Italy
- Stefano Unnia – From Milan, Italy

These students are living with host families, and enjoying the sights of our beautiful region.

Existing students from Tenison Woods College have made these students feel very welcome, and the exchange students have enjoyed a variety of classes and experiences.



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



Year 6 Suitcase of Dreams Expo

The Year 6 cohort have been focusing on an inquiry about migration to Australia throughout history. They have investigated the stories of migrants and are compiling their experience in a 'suitcase of dreams'. An expo featuring student learning about migration will be showcased on Wednesday 30 August from 2:30pm - 4:30pm in the Year 6 Learning Community. Everyone is welcome!



Sam Bloom Inspirational Speaker

Some of our students were fortunate to listen to inspirational speaker Sam Bloom, share her story of resilience and adversity, on Friday of Week 4 at the City Hall.

An accident in Thailand left Australian Sam Bloom paralysed. The unlikely arrival of an injured magpie helped her recovery. Sam answered that 'Penguin Bloom' came into her life at the right time, and left at the right time'. Reconnecting to her water passions also helped her with her mental health. Sam has represented Australia at the World Para-Canoeing Championships in 2015 and won gold for her country at both the 2019 and 2020 World Para Surfing Championships.

Sam's story has now been made into a film 'Penguin Bloom' played by Naomi Watt, and is opening up a conversation about the representation of acquired disability on screen.

Thank you to the Women's in Business & Chamber of Commerce for making this opportunity available to the youth in Mount Gambier.

Uniform Focus Socks, Shoes & Hats

- Boys are to wear Charcoal grey plain crew socks (no logos) (Years 3 - 12)
- Boys are to wear White plain crew socks (R - 2)
- Girls are to wear navy tights or white crew socks with shorts or pants
- Approved black school shoes (lace-ups, Velcro, elastic-sided boots, Tbars)
- Hats are required to be worn when the UV rating states 3 or above - **Please note students are needing their hats with UV rating beginning to be 3 during break times.**

From the Sports Department



Year 7-9 Girls Football

On Wednesday 16 August, our Year 7-9 girls embarked on a journey to Keith for the second round of the School Sport SA Knockout Girls Football competition. Building on their victory in the initial round against Grant High School.

Progress to the next round the opposing team was Unity College from Murray Bridge, and our girls engaged in a display of impressive football skills. Taking advantage of the wind, they secured an early lead, closing the first quarter 29-0.

Throughout the entirety of the match, the girls maintained collaborative teamwork, showcasing the talent within the AFLW in our region. As the final whistle blew, Tenison Woods College emerged triumphant with a resounding score of 82 to 6.

The goal scorers of the day included Macca Burke, Bell Coghlan and Addison Graney with 2 goals each, while Claire Mitchell, Emily Denton, Raine Darimaani, Mckayla Maney, and Layla Sneath each contributed with a single goal. The girls now progress to round 3 with details of this match to come.

Thank you to Lewis Lean for coaching the girls. Thank you to Ben Copping and Harvey Crocker for volunteering to umpire on the day. We also thank Reece Barrett from WBFL who umpired for us.



Upcoming Sporting Events

WEEK 6

- **Year 7 to Year 12 Girls Netball State Finals**
Priceline Stadium, SA | Tuesday 29 August

Week 7

- **Open Boys and Girls Volleyball**
Wulanda, Mount Gambier | Monday 4 September

Week 9

- **SAPSASA State Track & Field**
Adelaide | Monday 18 September



Open Boys Basketball Championship

Our Open Boys Basketball team travelled to Adelaide to compete in the Division 1 Basketball State-wide Schools Championship held at The Lights Community and Sports Centre.

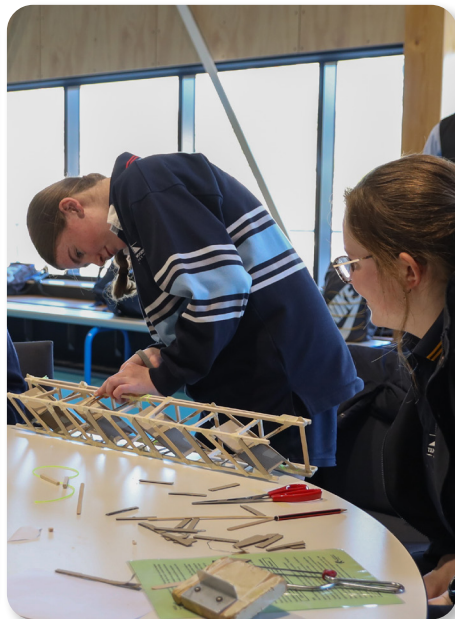
Game 1 was a hard-fought contest against a tall and skilful Woodcroft College side. The contest was a high scoring affair with both Jackson Bowden and Harry Mules leading the way with their athletic play whilst knocking down shot after shot, but it would be Woodcroft to finish the game stronger and winning the game by 4 points.

Game 2 against Modbury High School was a game that saw our boys respond to the challenge issued by Coach Daly & Coach Hill. Their play at both ends of the floor outclassed a worthy Modbury side that just couldn't match the skill and intensity of our boys. Henry Pedler, Oscar Marr-Maguire and Taj Brumby dictating the play through out as we won by 23 points.

Game 3 was to be the Statewide Championship game against the highly rated Glenunga High School. It was an arm wrestle throughout the contest and with the boys leading by 2 going into the final quarter, a tense struggle was witnessed in the final quarter. Glenunga had all the answers though down the final stretch even with Will Wimshurst playing at an exceptional level, the final result 61 to 57 in favour of Glenunga.

With the boys placing second in the competition on percentage we now host a final against the winner of Nazareth College & Pembroke College to qualify as one of the final four in the All Schools Championship held in Adelaide in September. Congratulations to the boys and the efforts of our coaches Tom Daly and Richard Hill. We look forward to our next big home game and the chance to play for the Div 1 State Championship.

Science and Engineering Challenge



STHINE 'Leave No Trace' Expo



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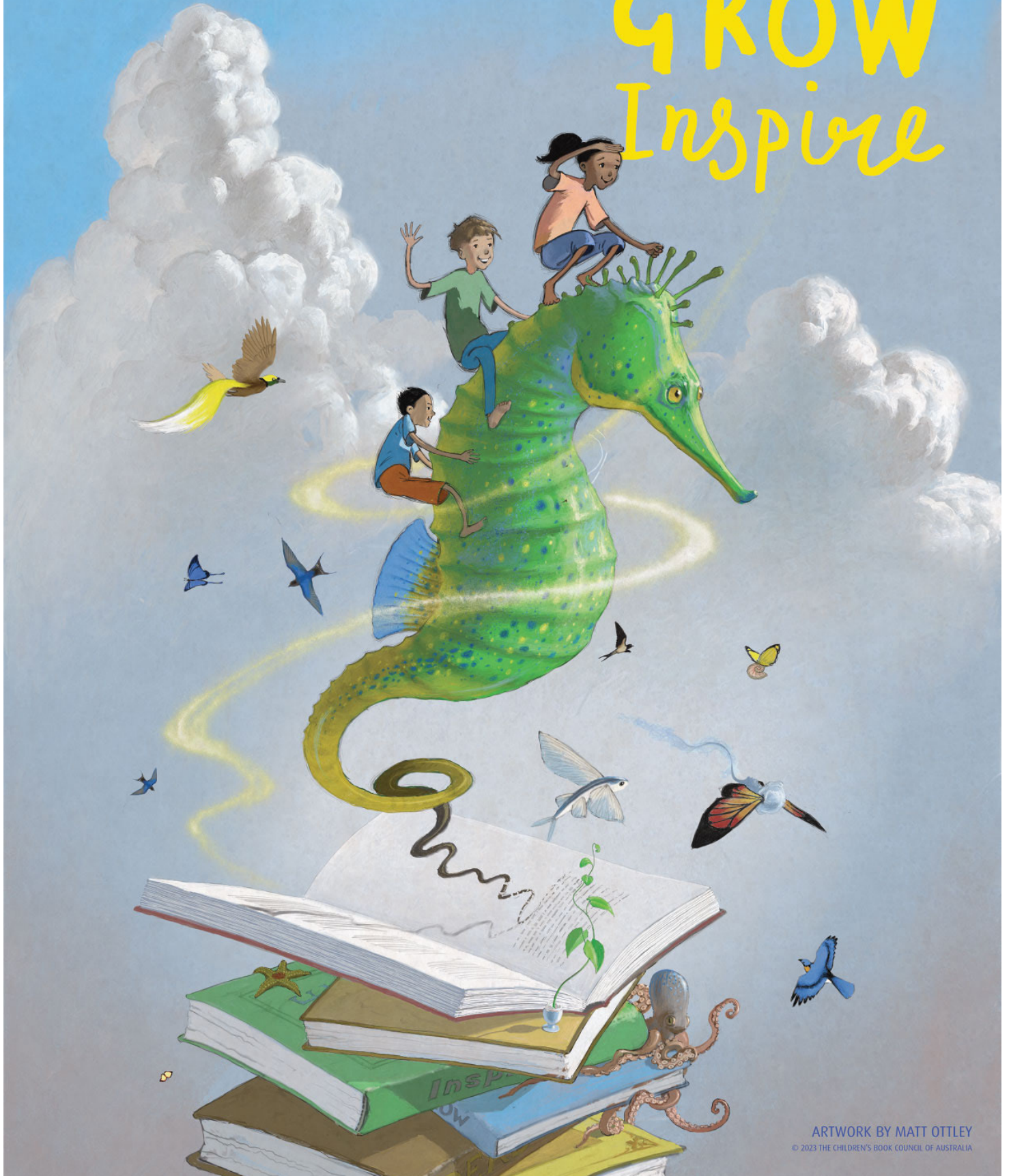




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