

Weekly Newsletter



STUDENT FREE DAY

Friday 8 September (Week 7)

Book Week Parade 'Read, Grow, Inspire'

Last week our College community celebrated all things books! On Friday, our ELCC to Year 7 Students and our dedicated Staff showed their love of books by dressing up and parading around the College, watched on by our older students, family and friends!

The Reception Students had a very special Book Week Parade this year, joined by their Year 12 Buddies who took part, and it was great to see so many wonderful outfits!

Lunchtime activities were run all week in the Library, as well as Book Week focused learning in classes. Book Week is a fun way to promote reading and literacy.



Father's Day Breakfast: Friday 1 September from 7:20am to 8:20am in the Barrie Holmes Stadium

From the Principal



Social Justice Sunday - Listen, Learn, Love – A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

Sunday 27 August 2023 marked Social Justice Sunday and the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement entitled, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples" is available for download [here](#).

In 1967, Australians gave overwhelming support to a referendum that recognised Australia's First Peoples as citizens. In 2023, we will be given a chance to vote in another referendum to constitutionally recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples through a Voice to Parliament.

Australia's Bishops see it as an opportunity for all Australians to renew our engagement with the First Peoples of Australia. 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. The Bishops invite the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) to speak directly about their experiences of injustice and about their hopes for the future.

NATSICC addresses the many injustices their people have faced since colonisation until now. They speak of many concerns including high suicide rates and incarceration, shorter life expectancy and poorer outcomes in employment, education and housing. They also identify racism as an on-going challenge. The information they use includes the Closing the Gap Report and the witness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples who spoke about their concerns during visits to many communities during the preparation of this statement.

NATSICC also acknowledges the achievements of many of their people despite these challenges and notes the many efforts by First Nations communities to address these problems. They note with approval the efforts made within the Church to support their communities. They conclude by giving their support to the referendum on the Voice. They see it as a positive step in efforts to improve the lives of First Nations people.

The Bishops acknowledge the pain and hardship experienced by First Nations Peoples. They point to the Church's efforts to stand in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples since the early days of colonisation. Nevertheless, they acknowledge that the Church played a part in the injustices First Nations People have experienced.

The Bishops invite us, as Catholics, to begin a new engagement with the First Peoples to overcome injustice, an engagement grounded in love. This love is at the heart of Jesus' message. This love is characterised by a commitment to encounter and dialogue, reciprocity, mutual accompaniment and a desire to put the other at the centre of our attention.

The Bishops offer us some simple actions which could help us to begin this new engagement. The Bishops do not tell us how to vote in the referendum, but they encourage us to inform ourselves about the issues through respectful dialogue, especially with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

The Bishops and NATSICC join together at the conclusion of the statement to call for us all to walk together in love on a journey of healing, whatever the outcome of the Voice referendum.

Mount Gambier Voice Treaty Truth Forum - 6 Sept 2023 - Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

I am pleased to inform you that Burrendies Aboriginal Corporation, ac.care and the South Australian Council of Social Services are partnering to deliver an informative forum in Mount Gambier on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

The two-hour forums on September 6 at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre will be repeated in the afternoon (1:00pm-3:00pm) and evening (6.30pm-8.30pm) to increase the opportunity for people to attend, and all community members are encouraged to take part in a session.

It is a unique opportunity for anyone to learn about the Voice to make an informed vote at the upcoming referendum, feel confident speaking about the issue with others and also gather with local Aboriginal community leaders and First Nations people as a unifying demonstration of support in learning and walking together towards a more reconciled nation.

Australians will vote in the referendum and everyone should be informed with accurate information. This will be provided at the forum with a focus on the Uluru Statement from the Heart and its call to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution, implement a First Nations Voice to Parliament and work towards Treaty and Truth-telling as key steps on Australia's journey to reconciliation.

A unique aspect of the forum will be a special guest and facilitator - Ngarrindjeri, Kaurna and Wirangu woman Melissa Clarke, who was a delegate at the Constitutional Convention at Uluru and a signatory to the Uluru Statement - Voice, Treaty, Truth.

The forum will include an overview of the Uluru Statement and the referendum process, followed by a panel discussion, question and answer session and a call for action to help take our nation forward. If you are available to attend, please register via this [link](#) - which allows separate bookings for the afternoon and evening sessions.

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. Please contact Bernadette Fisher if you wish to make a contribution: fishb@tenison.catholic.edu.au

Staffing Appointments during Term 3

We welcome the following staff, who have assumed roles during Term 3:

- Senior School Administration Officer Leanne Leigh
- Early Learning and Community Centre Educators Melissa Boreham
Laura Whitehead

We wish these staff all the best in their service to our families and look forward to them offering their gifts to the staff team.

OSHC Coordinator Thanks

I write to advise Sarah Seeborn's current role with Tenison Woods College has ended, effective 11 August 2023.

On behalf of the College, I take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Sarah for her almost 7 years of service to the students and families of Tenison Woods and in particular those associated with the OSHC where she worked. We wish her well in future pursuits and are heartened by the fact her involvement with the school will continue through her family.

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.

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](#).

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Week 7 is fast approaching and Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences are on the horizon. As such there are a few slight changes that have occurred to this term's events that are anticipated to improve the event even further for all involved. These changes have occurred as a result of parent, student and staff feedback from Semester one.

The first change is that we will be running two separate events in Week 7 and Week 8, a Junior School event for all involved in Reception to Year 6, and a Secondary School event for all involved in Year 7 to Year 12.

Junior School Conferences

The Junior School event will take place in the MacKillop Junior School on Tuesday September 5 and Thursday September 14, with conversations taking place in the student's classroom on both nights, face to face, commencing at 4.00pm and concluding at 6.30pm. A waiting space will be set up in adjacent watering holes and bells will chime in both the Reception and MacKillop buildings.

Secondary School Conferences

The first Secondary (7 - 12) event will be held in the PRC with conversations, face to face, on Thursday 7 September, commencing at 4.00pm and concluding at 7.30pm.

The second Secondary School event will be conducted using Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 12 September, commencing at 4.00pm and concluding at 7.30pm. Please be aware that if there are connection issues that a phone call is the immediate back up.

If you require assistance, please contact Director Of Learning, Scott Dickson dicksc@tenison.catholic.edu.au

God Bless,
David Mezin | Principal

CIM Team News



Father's Day Breakfast

This Friday 1 September, we look forward to welcoming Fathers, Grandfathers and Special Friends to our Father's Day Breakfast in the Barrie Holmes Stadium. The breakfast will begin at 7:20am and conclude at 8:20am. Thank you to those who have responded via the Edsmart form.



Year 11 Retreat

This week our Year 11 students attended their annual Retreat in Halls Gap, in the picturesque Grampians. It was an opportunity for students to deeply explore the concept of the human behind the mask, as they considered what it means to be human, the God given uniqueness we all possess, as well as the masks we wear in different situations and how these may prevent us in being our most authentic selves. Students listened deeply to the stories of each other and the accompanying staff, looking for the opportunities where God is present in the relationships that they have with themselves, others, God and creation. We were fortunate to have Fr Peter join us on Monday evening and we are deeply appreciative of his presence amongst us.

2023/2024 Sacramental Program Invitation – First Reconciliation

Mount Gambier Catholic Parish invites parents to enrol their children, who are currently in Year 3 or above and might be ready to celebrate the First Reconciliation, to take part in the Parish Sacramental Program for 2023/24.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is an essential part in the preparation for children who wish to complete their Sacrament of Initiations. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be completed this year, with the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion offered next year.

An Enrolment Evening will be held in St Paul's Hall on Thursday 28 September at 7.00pm. The important dates, the structure of the program and the expectation of your involvement will be explained in detail at the meeting. For a copy of the enrolment form or for more information please contact Cisca Teodoro at sacraments@mtgcatholic.org.au or Sally Telford at telfs@tenison.catholic.edu.au

Masses at TWC

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 6 Thursday 31 August - Year 8
Week 7 Thursday 7 September - Year 5
Week 8 Thursday 14 September - Year 6

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator



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



Upcoming Key Dates

WEEK 5

Thursday 31 August

- Year 2 Swimming Lessons | Wulunda, 11:15am - 2:15pm
- Parent Teacher Interviews Batching Process

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
- Schedules for Parent Teacher Interviews Issued via Email

WEEK 6

Monday 4 September

- Open Boys and Girls Volleyball | Wulunda, 9:30am - 2:30pm
- Stage 2 Self Reliant Expedition | Great Ocean Walk

Tuesday 5 September

- Stage 2 Self Reliant Expedition | Great Ocean Walk
- Year 9F 9SHINE Day Walk | Sugarloaf, Valley and Blue Lakes
- Year 7/8 Knockout Boys Football | Henley High School
- Primary 3-way Parent, Teacher and Student Conferences | 4:00pm - 6:30pm

Wednesday 6 September

- Stage 2 Self Reliant Expedition | Great Ocean Walk
- Year 7/8 Knockout Boys Football | Henley High School
- Division B Netball Carnival | Olympic Park

Thursday 7 September

- SAPSASA State Golf Finals | Adelaide
- Year 11/12 Boys Basketball Final | Keith Basketball Stadium
- Year 9E 9SHINE Day Walk Excursion
- Year 1 Liturgy | 10:15am
- Secondary 3-way Parent, Teacher and Student Conferences | 4:00pm - 7:30pm

Friday 8 September

- Student Free Day
- ELCC Closed
- SAPSASA State Golf Finals | Adelaide

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



Declan Shines in Prime Minister's Spelling Bee

Year 3 student Declan Lee has recently participated in the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee, along with his peers.

Declan, who has been blind since birth, was able to participate using Braille. Declan is the first ever Braille-assisted participant to have taken part.

Declan was able to complete the practice test a few times, so that he would know what to expect on the day. On the day of the competition, Declan was assisted by ESO Carolyn Jones, and guided by his teacher Narelle Drew. Declan was set up in a quiet space with his Perkins Braille Writer and the laptop so he could hear the words.

Carolyn used the laptop to guide him through the test, as it is online, and Declan used his braille writer to record the answers.

Declan got to hear the same as other students who competed, the only difference for him, was that instead of typing the answers directly into the competition website, he wrote in braille which was then transcribed by Carolyn afterwards. Declan's entry was also filmed so that judges could see that he was not assisted at all to spell the words.

Declan had outstanding results, and got 23 out of 30 words correct, however one word was not written inside the allocated time, making his total score 22 out of 30. As the first ever student to compete using braille, hopefully this will pave the way in the future for students who need an adjustment to the format to be able to compete.

Congratulations Declan on your outstanding achievement!



'Olympics Unleashed' Nicholas Timmings Visit

Our Year 7 cohort were fortunate enough to be visited by Winter Olympian Nicholas Timmings as part of the Olympics Unleashed program.

Olympics Unleashed connects athletes with schools across the country to inspire students to find and follow their passion and provide lessons in goal setting, overcoming challenges and developing resilience.

Nicholas Timmings discussed his Olympic journey and how he overcome challenges to compete in Skeleton (sled racing) at the highest level. He inspired the students to be the best they can be and to never give up on their dreams. The students asked thought provoking questions and left feeling motivated to work on setting goals.



Students Qualify for the SAPSASA Golf State Finals

On Friday, Ben Reichelt (left) and Harry Window (right) competed in the qualifying round for the SAPSASA Golf State Finals. They played at the Naracoorte Golf Club, where the course was very hard and the greens extremely fast. The weather was kind and it was a beautiful sunny day.

There were 30 students from across the South East region competing for 10 spots at the State Final. Harry and Ben both played consistently, finding their biggest challenges on the putting green.

Ben finished the competition in 4th while Harry finished in 10th. Both boys have earned themselves a position in the State Final which will be played at West Beach Golf Course.



Timor-Leste Luncheon

On Sunday, staff, parents, and friends gathered for a Luncheon in the lecture theatre to listen to stories from the recent Timor-Leste immersion and to raise funds for the girl's dormitory in Hatolia.

The meal, inspired by Timorese cuisine, was truly delightful. We extend our gratitude to Jen McCourt and Jenny Vanikiotis for their preparation efforts. Special recognition also goes to Mika Koch-Little for generously volunteering her time to assist with food preparation and setup.

The highlight of the afternoon was the collective participation in a traditional Timorese dance, accompanied by a special virtual appearance from Eddie, our Timorese friend and guide.

We continue to welcome donations to support the completion of the girls' dormitories. Contributions can be made through the school. For further details, please reach out to Bernadette Fisher at fishb@tenison.catholic.edu.au



New Uniform Item - Skort

The skort is available to wear for ELCC students – Year 2. It is a skirt and has built in shorts underneath. The skort encompasses the play-based learning criteria for our Reception - Year 2 uniform.

- Available in sizes 2C – 16C
- It is to be worn as an optional alternative to navy shorts or trousers.
- It may only be worn with the navy stripe polo and NOT with PE uniform.
- Leggings and stockings are NOT to be worn underneath.



SHINEfm Podcast - Term 3, Week 6

We sat down with Julio Teodoro to hear all about his experience at the World Youth Day. Julio recently travelled to Lisbon, Portugal to share his love of God with others from all over the globe.

Listen on Spotify: <https://shorturl.at/ABVZ6>

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



Year 3 and ELCC Students Read 'Bev and Kev'

On Thursday 24 August, Mrs McCourt's Year 3s and the McAuley ELCC classroom joined together to read the story of *Bev and Kev* and make a craft.

Bev and Kev received second spot on the shortlist in this year's Book Week. Students have enjoyed reading this story for their class activity and enjoyed helping a younger student create their own Bev to take home.

This book reminds us all that the greatest adventures are shared with the ones we cherish.

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 (Reception - Year 2)
- Boys charcoal TWC monogrammed pants or shorts (Years 3 - 12)
- Girls Dress - length is knee length (Year 3 - 6)
- Girls Skirts are to be - below knee length (Years 7 - 12)
- Girls navy TWC monogrammed trousers or shorts (optional for Years 3 - 12)

From the Sports Department



Year 7/8 Netball State Champions

Our 7/8 Knock Out Netball Team embarked on an exciting journey to Adelaide for the School Sport SA State Finals. The day kicked off with intense matches against Sacred Heart College and Concordia College. Our first game against Sacred Heart was a tight contest, as we worked on refining our combinations. Defenders Mishca Human and Georgia Nulty put in tremendous effort, although we struggled to convert our defensive plays into points, resulting in a draw.

Quickly switching gears, we faced Concordia with the pressure to secure a spot in the Semi-Finals. A new goalie combo of Mishca and Bailey Lewis took the court, with Kalani Dunn courageously playing out of position in defense with Lucy Crowe. A surge of Concordia's early dominance kept us on our toes, but as nerves settled, our Titans found their stride. Despite a strong effort, Concordia took the lead, and although we gained momentum later, it wasn't enough, leading to a 7 goal defeat.

The Semi-Final spot hinged on the results of Sacred Heart and Concordia's match. Fortunately, our percentage secured our place, pushing us to prove ourselves once again. Facing Saint Michael's, we made adjustments with Bell Coghlan moving to GD and Georgia Nulty back in WA. Lucy Egan and Mishca Human dominated the goal ring, giving the Titans a convincing lead at halftime. Tahnee Grosser and Lucy Crowe entered the game, Tahnee put on a dynamic performance in WA. This whole team effort led us to a triumphant win by 20 goals.

The Grand Final pitted us against Concordia, a challenge we met head-on. Ella Skeer and Bell Coghlan led an impactful early game, while Lucy and Mischa's connection shone. Despite the opposing crowd, our determination held strong. As the heat wore on, Bailey's efforts in the center were commendable. A united team effort showcased our versatility, securing a hard-fought victory and the State Title win by 26 goals.

A full report regarding both the 9-10 & Open teams will be in next week's Newsletter.



Upcoming Sporting Events

Week 7

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

Week 9

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



SAPSASA Soccer

In Week 4, our students participated in the annual SAPSASA soccer tournament in Adelaide. The girls went through the three-day carnival undefeated whilst the boys only lost one game.

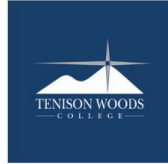
We congratulate our very talented soccer players.

Book Week Parade



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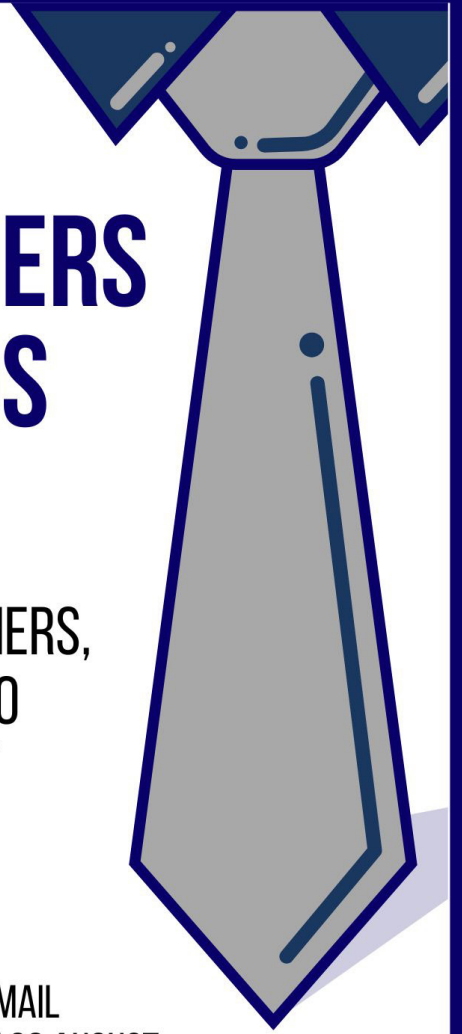
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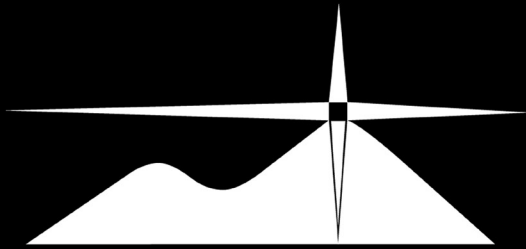
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