

**TENISON WOODS COLLEGE** 

Weekly Newsletter

Early Learning to Year 12 Co-Educational Catholic College

Shepherdson Road PO Box 965, Mount Gambier SA 5290

Telephone (08) 8725 5455

Email: news@tenison.catholic.edu.au

www.tenison.catholic.edu.au

Cricos Provider Code: 01751G ABN 25 508 850 572

Father's Day Breakfast

**TENISON WOODS** 

COLLEGE

On Friday morning, the College and the Early Learning & Community Centre staff ran two special Father's Day Breakfast events, in the Barrie Holmes Stadium and in the Early Learning & Community Centre.

It was great to see so many dads, grandparents and carers enjoying a delicious breakfast roll made by the wonderful Sugarloaf Cafe staff.

Click here to check out our Father's Day video on our Facebook page. More photos can be found in the gallery later in the newsletter.



Student Free Day This Friday 8 September (Week 7)

## From the Principal



## Father's Day Celebrations

Thank you to the CIM Team, Sugarloaf Café Team and supportive staff who ensured a successful Father's Day Celebration on Friday morning in the Barrie Holmes Stadium and the Early Learning & Community Centre. The celebrations paid tribute to fatherly love, expressed by fathers, grandfathers, uncles and special friends in our community.

#### Rest in Peace Matthew Allsopp

We offer our condolences to the Allsopp family at the passing of Matthew, their husband and father. At this time, we offer our prayers and support to Matthew's wife, Sandra and his children, former student Jenna (Yr 12 in 2021), Ben (Yr 11 in Jen McCourt's Pastoral Care Group) and Mackenzie (Yr 9 in Tara Millard's Pastoral Care Group). I know our community will support the family in the characteristic Tenison way in their time of shock, loss and deep sadness.

#### **Rest in Peace Lesley Braithwaite**

It is with sadness that I convey the passing to eternal life of Lesley Braithwaite. Lesley taught for 20 years at Tenison Woods College. She was a highly regarded junior primary school teacher and much loved colleague of the College. Her children, Jane, Belinda, Katherine and James were all educated at St Paul's Primary School and Tenison Woods College, with husband John, serving as Board Chair. I trust the family's deep faith and our community's support will offer them comfort at Lesley's passing to eternal life.

#### Our 2023 Shining Lights - A great deal to celebrate

The Friends of Tenison Woods College (Old Scholars Association) is very pleased to announce the four 2023 'Shining Light' award recipients.

The awards aim to recognise significant contributions made by former students, families or staff to our local and global community in order to inspire current and future students about the essence of our community and their call to service.

Tenison Woods College and its predecessors, St Paul's School, Tenison College, Marist Brothers Agricultural College, Mater Christi College, St Mary's School and St Joseph's College value the contributions of all community members, past and present and we think it's important to recognise some of the stand out achievements within the community.

The 2023 'Shining Lights' join our 2016 and inaugural recipients: Lorraine and Ken Gazzard; Eric Roughana; Tony Pasin; Jessica Braithwaite and Cristina D'Agostino.

In 2017 our Shining Lights were: Natalie Medhurst; Robert Peake; Noel Bull; Pauline Kenny; and Maurice Corcoran.

2018 saw the following people acknowledged: Alan Balshaw; Anthony Casadio (Dec); Sally Duigan; Jeanette Elliott; and Jenna McCormick.

In 2019 we were delighted to announce our Shining Lights as: Hoppa and Bob Gabriel (dec); Ken Green; Tom Kosch; Pam (dec) and Brian O'Connor (dec).

In 2021 we navigated COVID-19 challenges and virtually acknowledged: Sister Anne Foale; Sunita Gloster; Barrie Holmes (dec) and Rob Lucas.

In 2023 we are delighted to celebrate the Shining Lights:

- Jack Annear
- Annie and Andy Clifford
- Pam Ronan

The celebration will be conducted on Saturday 28 October at 6:30pm at City Hall, Mount Gambier. Watch this space for more details  $\ldots$ 

#### National Child Protection Week and Safeguarding Sunday

Safeguarding Sunday is on 10 September and was formerly known as Child Protection Sunday. Safeguarding Sunday comes at the end of National Child Protection Week (5 – 10 September). The theme this year for National Child Protection Week is Every child, in every community, needs a fair go. The theme invites us think further and appreciate that to treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family and community has what kids need to thrive and be healthy. More information can be found here: <a href="https://www.napcan.org.au/get-involved-2023/">https://www.napcan.org.au/get-involved-2023/</a>

Furthermore, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference sees Safeguarding Sunday as a day which seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. As such there is a focus on raising awareness of child protection in the context of all types of harm and promoting safeguarding policies and procedures.

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

The Burrandies 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.

There are two, 2 hour forums today at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. One was held this afternoon with the second being held this evening from 6.30-8.30pm, 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.

A unique aspect of the forum will be a special guest and facilitator - Ngarrrindjeri, 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 this evening, please register via this link.

## 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.

#### **Parent Teacher Student Conferences**

Parent Teacher Student Conferences commenced this week and 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

The next Junior School event will take place in the MacKillop Reception Building and the Junior School with conversations taking place in the student's room on Thursday 14 September. 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.

#### Middle and Senior School

The first Middle and Senior School events will be held in the PRC with conversations, face to face, on Thursday September 7, commencing at 4.00pm and concluding at 7.30pm.

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

A reminder that all Staff will be taking part in a Staff retreat day at Wulunda Recreation Centre this Friday and as a result the School and Early Learning Centre will be Closed this Friday.

God Bless, David Mezinec | Principal

## CIM Team News



Staff Reflection Day –This Friday

During the Staff Reflection Day this Friday, our staff will combine with the staff of St Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Mary MacKillop Memorial school. Dr. Jill Gowdie and Mr. Julian Kluge from Catholic Education South Australia are our keynote speakers for the day to help us consider our place and the important role we play in Catholic Education. Staff

will have opportunities throughout the day to engage their heads in learning, their hearts in loving and listening, and their hands in making and creating. Staff Reflection day is an opportunity to nourish our spiritual selves and renew our sense of wonder and awe of the incredibly important role that we play in young people's lives in Catholic Education. Staff will conclude the day with a Mass at St Paul's and with visiting priest, Fr. Tony Telford-Sharp. We thank Fr. Tony supporting staff and celebrating Mass with us.

#### Season of Creation

We have entered the Season of Creation. The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home, the Oikos of God. The Season "Celebration" began on **1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

This week you might like to ponder these questions as a family-

- 1. How can we live more sustainably? 'Less is more.' What does this statement mean to you?
- How well do we listen to the cries of the earth?

You might like to explore further information here: Season of Creation - Laudato Si' Movement (<u>laudatosimovement.org</u>)

#### 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 7 Thursday 7 September Year 5
- Week 8 Thursday 14 September Year 6
- Week 9 Thursday 21 September- Year 10

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator



See the Community Noticeboard for posters and notices of upcoming events within our College, and wider community. Click <u>here</u> to view this page.



## Upcoming Key Dates

### WEEK 7

#### 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 School 3-way Parent, Teacher and Student Conferences | 4:00pm - 7:30pm
- Year 7 Cyber Safety Session

## Friday 8 September

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

#### WEEK 8

#### Monday 11 September

- Year 9A 9SHINE Day Walk Excursion | Sugarloaf/Valley & Blue Lakes
- Year 7 & 9E Removal of invasive Weeds immersion Day | 8:30am 2:45pm

#### **Tuesday 12 September**

- Tennis Hot Shots
- Year 7-9 Girls Knockout Football | Keith
  - 3-Way Parent/Teacher/Students Conferences | Microsoft Teams (4:00pm)

#### Wednesday 13 September

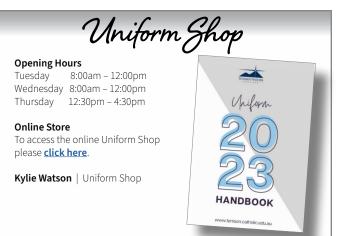
- Stage 1 Year 10 Bushwalking Expedition | Mt Richmond Cape Bridgewater
- KESAB Wipeout Waste Performance
- Year 9B 9SHINE Day Walk Excursion | Sugarloaf/Valley & Blue Lakes

#### Thursday 14 September

- Stage 1 Year 10 Bushwalking Expedition | Mt Richmond Cape Bridgewater
- R U OK? Day
- Primary School 3-Way Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences | MacKillop Reception and Junior School (4:00pm)

#### Friday 15 September

Stage 1 Year 10 Bushwalking Expedition | Mt Richmond - Cape Bridgewater
 Music Photos | Room 901





## Year 1 Students Create Heartfelt Gifts

Our Year 1 students hammered away in Design and Technology lessons to craft heartfelt gifts. From hammering with precision to stamping their love on washers for keyrings, these young creators have shown their skills!

We hope all dads and special male role models in our community had a fantastic Father's Day filled with love and appreciation.



## Year 6 'Suitcase of Dreams'

Throughout this term the Year 6 classes have been learning about Australian Migration. To showcase what they have learnt the cohort hosted a 'Suitcase of Dreams' event on Wednesday afternoon.

Each student has researched and authored stories and biographies around an Australian migrant, and prepared a 'suitcase of dreams' that showcased the achievements, important events and artefacts from that person's life.

Amongst the carefully curated collection were artists, actors, sportspeople and people near and dear to some, including parents, grandparents, ancestors and even classmates.

Thank you to all that attended and we hope you enjoyed learning about Australian Migration.

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





## Book Week Competitions 2023

As always there was a very high standard achieved by students and classes in our Book Week Competitions. In addition to the Junior School Writing and Design Competitions, the Middle School Home Groups participated in a Decorate Your Door competition using the 2023 Theme of 'Read Grow Inspire'.

#### Winners were...

A book that inspires me design: Alyssa Hill, Paw Mu Do Htoo, Sully K, Anna L. Story Writing: Marli Wilson, Joseph Dikete, Zoe Raymond, William Badenoch Creative Design: Zahli Golebiowski Door Decoration: 8C Madi Jones

#### Highly Commended were...

A book that inspires me design: Jackson Harradine, Molly Sutton, Katelyn F. Story Writing: Flynn Buckley, Moe Htway, Andy Guan, Anna L. Door Decoration: 7C Hugh Matthews, 8A Beth Creedy, 9B Lewis Lean

A big thank you, and well done, to all students who participated this year.

Chris Lloyd | Teacher Librarian



## Year 2 Swimming Lessons

In Week 6 our Year 2 classes participated in swimming lessons at Wulanda Recreation and Convention Center.

There was a lot of splashing, kicking and laughter as students practiced valuable lifesaving skills.



## Class Placements for 2024

Planning for 2024 classes is about to begin in the Junior School. Staff give deep and careful consideration to the class placement of students, ensuring the best and most informed educational and wellbeing decisions are made.

Towards the end of Term 3, Junior School students will receive a note from their homegroup teacher regarding this process; please ensure that you discuss this with your child, sign and return the relevant section. If you feel there are exceptional and valid circumstances for your child that need to be considered, please address these in writing to Francesca Dickson, Head of Junior School Reception to Year 6 at <a href="mailto:francesca.dickson@tenison.catholic.edu.au">francesca.dickson@tenison.catholic.edu.au</a> by Friday 20 October 2023 (end of Week 1, Term 4). Please note that requests for specific teachers are unable to be considered.

### Francesca Dickson | Head of Junior School



## Scholastic Book Club Issue 6 Is Out Now!

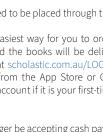
Purchases need to be placed through the LOOP online ordering platform only.

LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's book club order and the books will be delivered to their class. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Just follow the prompts to create a new account if it is your first-time ordering (only one account per family is required).

We will no longer be accepting cash payments for book club.

All orders for Issue 6 need to be in by Friday 15 September.

Jess Lucas | Book Club Coordinator





## Year 5C Create Father's Day Cards

In the lead up to Father's Day, Year 5C made some quirky and cool cards for their dads or special person. Some went for a more unique look whilst others stuck to the basics.

We hope that the Father's and special people enjoyed the creative card designs.

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



## Year 11 Retreat In Halls Gap, Victoria

During Week 6 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.

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





## Year 5 Dance Battle

On Friday, Year 5 students put their moves to the test in an intense dance battle!

This term the Year 5 classes have been engaging with community members to see how they can best look after their wellbeing. The cohort was split in half, participating in sessions with Hype Dance or Purple Thunder Cheerleading.

They learnt the art of performance and some new routines, which they later performed to their peers.

The students looked like they thoroughly enjoyed it and we may have uncovered a few budding dancers amongst the group!



## Archives and History

If you have an interest in looking at the old school Yearbooks the College Librarian and archivist Alex Nicholson and Old Scholar and previous school archivist Tory Brett will be conducting a "come and look" Archive morning on Thursday 21st September in the College Library from 9:00am – 11:00am.

The Yearbooks available to view will include:

- Marist Brothers College
- Mater Christi College
- Tenison College
- Tenison Woods College
- St Paul's Primary School

If you have any specific research enquiries, we can assist you in the session or follow up with your request later.

As we will have a limited capacity for numbers, please register your interest at <u>archives@tenison.catholic.edu.au</u> or phone the school leaving your name and contact details for the library manager to confirm the session availability and school access information for the morning.

We hope to run these sessions each term in the future and we look forward to meeting Old Scholars and those interested in the history of Catholic Education in the Mount Gambier district.

#### Alexandra Nicholson | Library Manager



## Year 9 Project Mural

Our Year 9 Project Mural students are hard at work preparing the next installation for the Marist Park sheds.

The budding artists have been busy tracing and painting the large canvases, so be sure to keep an eye out for the finished project.



## A Claim To Fame

After a lovely Father's Day Breakfast last Friday, Eric and Peter Roughana (a father and son Old Scholar duo) headed to the honour boards in the Moorak Homestead.

Eric and Peter noticed that they are the only Father and Son to win sports day as captains of their sport teams. Congratulations Peter and Eric!

## 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.





## From the Sports Department



## 9/10 Girls Netball

The Year 9/10 team demonstrated remarkable resilience throughout the duration of the Knock Out Netball carnival, even in the face of adversity. Despite contending with multiple girls being sidelined due to injuries, the team admirably adapted to the situation, leading to some adjustments in potential combinations.

In the first match against Immanuel College, our team showcased a strong start by effectively capitalising on turnovers, securing a 3-goal advantage at the conclusion of the first break. However, Immanuel's impressive determination narrowed the gap, with them ultimately emerging as 5-goal victors.

The subsequent game pitted our team against the formidable Westminster School, a truly sleek opponent. From the outset, Westminster exhibited a fierce ball pressure on our girls, resulting in an 11-point deficit by half time. Responding to the challenge, changes were implemented, and the girls adeptly adjusted to the mounting pressure, winning the quarter by a single goal. The second loss meant the opportunity to compete for the 5th position against St Mary's College.

Despite enduring further setbacks in the form of additional injuries as the day progressed, our team remained steadfast. The final match, although not our best showing, was characterised by fierce competition and consistent closeness throughout. Fluctuating opportunities to establish a lead were countered by the need to make up margins, culminating in an overtime situation. Regrettably, an excess of turnovers proved detrimental, resulting in a narrow two-point loss.

Nonetheless, it's imperative to recognise the exceptional performance of our girls, particularly considering the hot weather conditions. Their ability to secure the 6th position in the Year 9/10 category is a testament to their perseverance and dedication.





## Week 9

- SAPSASA State Track & Field
  Adelaide | Monday 18 September
- Week 10
- Year 7/8 Girls Soccer State Finals Gepps Cross | Monday 18 September
- Year 9/10 and 11/12 Soccer State Finals
  Adelaide | Wednesday 27 September



## Open Girls Netball

The Open Netball side travelled to Adelaide with 8 players after injuries to Daisy Tunkin & Macey Griffith prevented them from competing. With adjustments made to our starting line-up the girls worked as a team to come from behind in both of their minor round games to win by the slightest of margins and finish top in their pool.

They then faced the tough St Michael's side in the semi final and the match went goal for goal before some unlucky decisions went against us and St Michael's scored freely to take the win and also went on to win the Championship. We finished the day in 4th place overall.

It was great to see strong leadership from our 5 Year 12 students, Portia McRae, Ellie Bouchier, Siobhan Adams, Abby Denton & Tess Porter throughout the day. All 5 have played in the Knockout Netball competition for many years and have enjoyed the opportunity to represent the College. Our three Year 11 students in Lillie Paul, Ava Collins & Cara Nulty showed that they have the skills and leadership to ensure that the College will be well represented in the future.

### <u>Knockout</u>

Tenison Woods College 21 def Sacred Heart 20 Tenison Woods College 21 def Blackwood 19

### Semi Final

Tenison Woods College 22 lost to St Michael's 30 Finished in 4th Position.



Father's Day Breakfast



















Father's Day Breakfast



















Year 6' Suitcase of Preams'



















Year 5C Father's Day Cards



















Year 11 Retreat at Halls Gap

























middle & senior school presents

# **art** exhibition

a student exhibition featuring work from Creative Digital Arts & Visual Arts

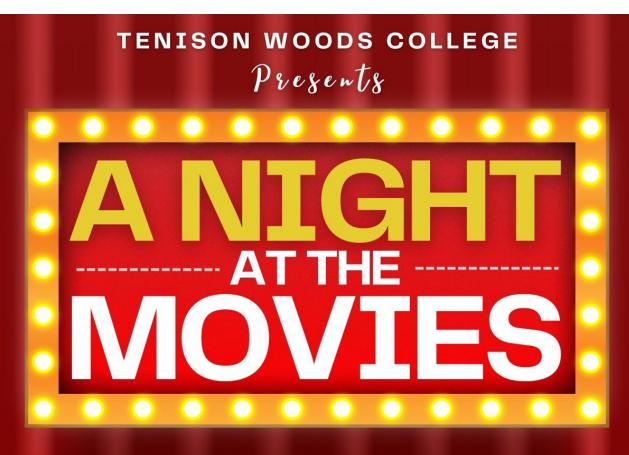
## 18th - 22nd September

boardroom corridor



Come and vote for the People's Choice Award





## WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 7:00pm

Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

## Featuring:

Performing Arts Students (Senior Music Ensembles, Drama & Dance along with Guest Artists Blaze Choir (Yrs 5–6)



**Popcorn Available via Gold Coin Donation** 

Tickets available from the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre Box Office or online www.countryarts.org.au Ticket Prices: Family \$45 (2A + 2C) Adult \$15 Concession \$10 Child U12 or 13-17 \$10





## HELP WANTED WORKING LAPTOP DONATIONS DONATIONS FOR TIMOR-LESTE

Do you have a used laptop in working order? Our second group of Timor-Leste Immersion participants are soon departing, and we are seeking used laptops to donate to schools in Timor-Leste.

If you are able to help, please drop your laptop in to the Front Office, and we will have our IT Department clean install software on it to be ready for delivery.

## Thank you for your support!



# Mount Gambier Christmas Datade

Saturday 18 November 2023 City of at 11am

Entries close 18 October 2023



FAMILY FRIENDLY - SMOKE FREE - DRY ZONE