

# Weekly Newsletter



## Staff Reflection Day

Friday 8 September was a significant day for the 3 local catholic school communities, and Catholic Education in the South East.

The South East Catholic Schools Reflection Day provided the opportunity for the three Catholic schools to come together as one, to connect, collaborate and support one another through head, heart and hands.

The theme for the day was 'Nourishing The Garden' allowing us to deeply reflect on and learn about our Catholic faith, be inspired and informed, and take these learnings and inspiration to our students and communities.

Thank you to our Catholic Identity and Mission Teams for their organisation, as well as special guests Dr. Jill Gowdie and Mr. Julian Kluge who facilitated the day's plenaries.

The day concluded with a beautiful celebration of Mass, officiated by Fr. Tony Telford-Sharp.

[Click here](#) to watch a video of the day.



## From the Principal



### Staff Reflection Day

Last Friday was our Staff Reflection Day when our staff combined 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 were our keynote speakers for the day to help us consider our place and the important role we play in Catholic Education.

Staff had opportunities throughout the day to engage their heads in learning, their hearts in loving and listening, and their hands in making and creating. Our 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 concluded the day with a Mass at St Paul's and with visiting priest, Fr. Tony Telford-Sharp. We thank Fr. Tony for supporting staff and celebrating Mass with us.

I thank our Catholic Identity and Mission Team for their efforts in collaboratively planning the day with the other school Catholic Identity and Mission leaders.

### Season of Creation - "Let Justice and Peace Flow."

The symbol of the mighty river offers inspiration for this year's Season of Creation and the theme "Let Justice and Peace Flow."

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, or as referred to in the New Testament the Oikos of God.

The Season of "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.



### R U OK? DAY 2023 - I am here to hear

This week we celebrate R U OK? Day on Thursday 14 September. The message this year is "I am here to hear." The message appreciates that life's ups and downs happen to all of us and R U OK? is calling on all of us to let the people you care about know you're here, to really hear them. So chances are someone we know might be struggling, and our genuine support can make a difference with whatever they are facing, big or small. R U OK? Day encourages us not to wait until someone is visibly distressed or in crisis. Rather we are urged to make a moment meaningful and ask them how they're really going.

I take this opportunity to reiterate that Tenison Woods College has a strong commitment to wellbeing, using trauma informed, scientific methodology of Positive Psychology, which is designed to guide and strengthen relationships. All staff are trained in the Resilient IMPACT program of intentional practice which is carried out with our partner, Life Buoyancy Institute and focuses on adults being mindful teachers, who intentionally respond to individual and student growth needs. Students are supported by trained and experienced Wellbeing Counsellors along with Wellbeing Coordinators across each year level.

Each year awareness is created for the important R U OK? day message across the College community where students are encouraged to wear a touch of yellow in support of the day. Class activities are focused on how to be a good friend and wellbeing care strategies utilising the R U OK? day resources and buddy year level activities. Student Leaders will begin the day by offering yellow ribbons and R U OK? Day stickers, after students make a pledge to ask R U OK?.

Student Leaders led by Year 12 Wellbeing Leaders, will be organising lunch time activities under the sails including: face painting, bracelet making, how do you show kindness at TWC canvas, cupcakes, sausages for sale & music. Students will be able to participate in Just Dance in the gym or watch the student take on our talented staff team in a soccer match.

While we encourage students and staff to wear a touch of yellow, and there will be some items to purchase, we are stressing to the school community that the day isn't substantially about yellow ribbon and cupcakes. Rather the day comes from our Catholic Christian educational and values perspective of deep care for people. By embracing the R U OK? day message for our College community, we commit to caring extraordinarily for every member of our community every day of the year.

### Parent Teacher Student Conferences

Parent Teacher Student Conferences continue this week and there are a few slight changes that have occurred to this term's events that are anticipated to improve the event for all involved. These changes have occurred as a result of parent, student and staff feedback from Semester one and I look forward to further feedback in the spirit of continuous improvement and service to our families.



## 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.

In 2023 we are delighted to celebrate the 2023 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 ...



## BYOD – Year 6 Families, ready for Year 7 in 2024

As the year flies by and we look to 2024, I remind families that if they are thinking about purchasing a device for next year, check out our Bring Your Own Device page on our website. The link is attached here:

<https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/byod-information/byod-purchase-portal>

You can also find this page in SEQTA Engage by choosing the Portals option and selecting BYOD Parent / Guardian Information.

With some wait times for products' we encourage families to think about their child's needs a little earlier than they might to ensure that the device is ready for the start of 2024.

## Key dates for the commencement of 2024:

A full list of 2024 key dates will follow soon, but to assist with planning I inform our College community of dates to commence the 2024 academic year:

Tuesday 23 January 2024	All Teaching Staff commence
Friday 26 January 2024	Australia Day Public Holiday
Monday 29 January 2024	Reception, Years 7, 10,11, 12 commence Term 1
Tuesday 30 January 2024	All other students commence Term 1

## 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.

To donate please email [fishb@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:fishb@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

## 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.

God Bless,  
David Meziniec | Principal



# CIM Team News

## Season of Creation



We have entered the Season of Creation which will end on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of Ecology.

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

1. Can we be more mindful in the way we reduce, reuse and recycle?
2. How can we live more simply and incorporate time in nature into our day?

*'...Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature...'*  
(Excerpt from the 2023 Laudato Si' Prayer)

## Masses at Tenison Woods College

Mass is celebrated each Thursday of the Term and is led by a different year level each week. Students in Years R-3 hold a Liturgy of the Word each Term. We invite family and friends to join us for Masses and liturgies in the school Chapel. Upcoming Mass and liturgy times are as follows:

- Week 8 Thursday 14 September 9:10am- Year 6 Mass
- Week 9 Thursday 21 September 9:10am- Year 10 Mass
- Week 9 Thursday 21 September 10:15am- Year 2 Liturgy
- Week 10 Thursday 28 September 9:10am- Year 9 Mass
- Week 10 Thursday 28 September 9:10am- Year 3 Liturgy

## From the Parish

### Youth Mass

The next Youth Mass will be held this Saturday 16 September at the 6.00pm Mass at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. We invite young people in Year 7 and above to join us. The music and readings at this mass are led by the young people from the College and the Parish and are supported by Harry van Eyk and Marilena Wilson. Please contact Julio Teodoro or Kuncheria Chavara (SS Mission Leaders) if you would like to be involved in this. The monthly Youth Mass is followed by a Youth Group dinner and discussion group.

### 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](mailto:sacraments@mtgcatholic.org.au) or Sally Telford at [telfs@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:telfs@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

### Shared Lunch & World Youth Day Presentation

Our monthly shared lunch will take place in St. Paul's Hall this Sunday 17 September, following 11.00am Mass. Please bring a plate of food to share.

You've seen (some of) the pictures, we now invite you to come and hear the stories! Fr. Peter and Julio will be sharing their experience and photos from their adventure at the World Youth Day in Portugal and Rome. This will include an exclusive screening of Fr Peter dancing - so you won't want to miss this!! The Hall will be open prior to Mass for you to leave your food in the hall. All welcome.

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator



## 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 at [francesca.dickson@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:francesca.dickson@tenison.catholic.edu.au) 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



## Open Boys Basketball State Finals

We wish our Open Boys Basketball team the best of luck in Adelaide today as they compete in the Division 1 Basketball State Championships. The boys will be competing at the highest-level when they face St. Peters College, Trinity College and Glenunga High School, after successfully defeating a quality Nazareth College last week.

An afternoon update from the team has revealed that the boys are bronze medalists. A full match report will be included in the next newsletter.

### Tenison Woods College vs Nazareth College Match Report

The first quarter started at a frantic pace with both sides pushing the tempo and looking to challenge each other at the basket. The Titans were the first to settle though and caught fire from beyond the arc. Oscar Marr-McGuire made three 3-pointers and scored 11 points in the quarter to lead the charge as Tenison Woods led 25 to 9 at quarter time. Jackson Bowden came to life in the second quarter scoring 8 points during the period and was well supported by Harry Mules & Taj Brumby and at the half TWC led 39 to 17.

The hot shooting continued in the third quarter and when Addi Noble finished with a powerful move inside the score had jumped out to 61-27 and the boys were in control of the contest. Jacob Sim, Harry Wright and Will Wimhurst ensured we finished the game off strongly in the fourth and carry momentum and confidence into the state finals with Tenison Woods College in the end defeating Nazareth College 81 to 35.



## Upcoming Key Dates

### WEEK 8

#### 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

### WEEK 9

#### Monday 18 September

- Year 3 Swimming Lessons | 10:30am until 12:00pm
- SAPSASA State Track and Field Championships | Adelaide
- Middle and Senior School Art Exhibition

#### Tuesday 19 September

- Year 3 Swimming Lessons | 10:30am until 12:00pm
- Year 9C 9SHINE Day Walk Excursion (Goodfellow) | 8:30am until 3:15pm
- Year 8F & 8B Volcano Excursion | 10:30am until 1:20pm
- Middle and Senior School Art Exhibition

#### Wednesday 20 September

- Year 3 Swimming Lessons | 10:30am until 12:00pm
- Years 8D & 8E Volcano Excursion | 9:00am until 12:00pm
- Performing Arts Rehearsal | Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, 10:15am until 2:30pm
- Performing Arts Showcase 'A Night at the Movies' | Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, 7:00pm until 9:30pm
- Years 7 & 8 Boys Soccer Finals
- Middle and Senior School Art Exhibition
- Year 7-9 Knockout Football Finals Adelaide

#### Thursday 21 September

- Year 3 Swimming Lessons | 10:30am until 12:00pm
- Year 2 Liturgy | TWC Chapel, 10:15am
- Open FUTSAL (Boys and Girls) | Wulanda Recreation Centre
- Years 7-9 Girls Football
- International Day of Peace
- Year 7-9 Knockout Football Finals Adelaide

# Uniform Shop

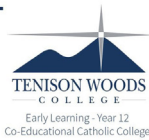
**Opening Hours**  
 Tuesday 8:00am - 12:00pm  
 Wednesday 8:00am - 12:00pm  
 Thursday 12:30pm - 4:30pm

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

**Kylie Watson** | Uniform Shop

# EMPLOYMENT Opportunities

at Tenison Woods College



Early Learning - Year 12  
Co-Educational Catholic College



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## Employment Opportunities

Tenison Woods College is a dynamic Early Years - Year 12 Catholic co-educational College with over 1400 students. The College is situated in picturesque grounds on the outskirts of Mount Gambier, SA.

We are seeking suitably qualified staff for permanent teaching positions in the following teaching areas, or a combination of these areas, to commence in January 2024.

- Reception to Year 2 Classroom Teacher
- Years 3-6 Classroom Teacher
- Years 2-6 Physical Education Teacher
- Years 2-9 Italian Teacher
- Years 7-9 Future Thinking (Mathematics/Science) Teacher
- Years 7-12 Agriculture Teacher
- Years 7-12 Design & Technology Teacher
- Years 7-12 Drama Teacher
- Years 7-12 Dance Teacher
- Years 7-12 Media Arts Teacher
- Years 7-12 Religious Education Teacher
- Years 7-12 Outdoor Education Teacher
- Years 10-12 Physical Education Teacher
- Years 10-12 Food Technology & Child Studies Teacher

Applications close 4:00PM Tuesday, 26 September 2023

For further information and Position Information Documents, please visit:  
<http://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/our-college/employment>



## Uniform Reminder

Please note that summer uniform may be worn with the temperature being forecast for over 23 degrees.

Hats are now consistently required at break times when the UV rating is 3 and above.

## Australian Music Examinations Board

Every year music students can opt to undertake internationally recognised music exams on their instrument / voice, known as AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board).

At the time of writing this report, the following instrumental music students have successfully undertaken the exam of their choice:

- **Gabriel Strachan** - Grade 7 Comprehensive Piano, A+ (High Distinction)  
Taught by Jodi Swiggs
- **Scarlett Strachan** - Grade 4 Piano for Leisure, A (Honours)  
Taught by Jodi Swiggs
- **William Le Cornu** - Grade 3 Comprehensive Trumpet, A+ (High Distinction)  
Taught by Gary Mansell
- **Laura Le Cornu** - Grade 3 Comprehensive French Horn, A (Honours)  
Taught by Tameka Nube
- **Andy Guan** - Grade 3 Comprehensive Piano, B+ (Credit)  
Taught by Isaac Bruggemann
- **Chloe Chiesa** - Grade 2 Piano For Leisure, B (Credit)  
Taught by Isaac Bruggemann
- **James Williamson** - Grade 1 Comprehensive Piano, A (Honours)  
Taught by Isaac Bruggemann
- **Kiahna Little** - Grade 1 Piano for Leisure, B+ (Credit)  
Taught by Jodi Swiggs
- **Charlie Little** - Preliminary Piano for Leisure, A (Honours)  
Taught by Jodi Swiggs

These students are to be congratulated on their growth in skills and commitment to undertaking a music AMEB exam.

**Penny Mansell** | Head of Performing Arts



## 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](http://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



## International Early Educators Day

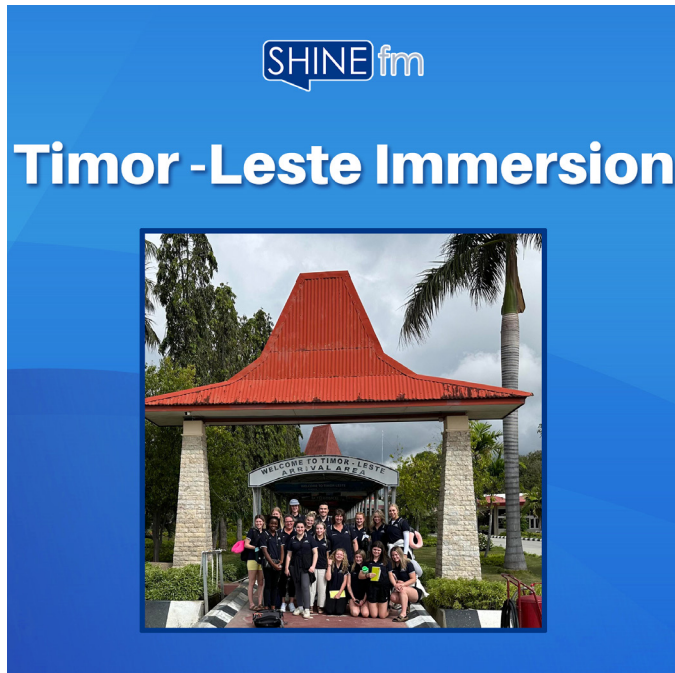
On Wednesday 6 September we celebrated International Early Educators Day at the Early Learning Community Centre and the ELCC children gifted flowers to their teachers and educators to show their appreciation.

Early Childhood Educators' Day recognises and celebrates the work of Australia's educators in supporting our young people.

*"We would like to thank all our amazing educators that work so hard to make the ELCC the inspirational and nurturing place it is. Every single one of them is the reason why the Centre is the loving, engaging environment that welcomes our families each day. On behalf of Tenison Woods College we would like to thank them for their tireless efforts and dedication to our community."*

– Frances Scanlon | ELCC Director

For more photos from the ELCC please see Page 8.



## Timor -Leste Immersion

### SHINEfm Podcast - Term 3, Week 8

We sat down with Bernadette Fisher to discuss our commitment to Timor-Leste. She spoke about the recent Immersion trip and discussed about the upcoming tour with the second immersion group.

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

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

## 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.



## ELCC Delivers R U OK? Day Flowers

Earlier today the ELCC students took a walk around the College to deliver some gorgeous bunches of flowers in light of our upcoming R U OK day.

The students visited some of the hard working administration and ESO staff to brighten their day with the floral arrangements.

Well done to the ELCC students and a fantastic initiative for the staff!



# From the Sports Department



## Year 7/8 Boys Football

On Wednesday 6 September our Year 7/8 Boys Football team played in a round robin tournament against Henley High and Adelaide High.

Set at the fantastic facilities of Henley High it was always going to be a tough battle. In the first game the Tenison boys learned a lot about playing against high level opposition and as the game went on, they were able to adjust and drastically improve. The most pleasing part of the game was kicking four goals in the last quarter and displaying a lot of the hard work that takes place in academy classes. The game 1 best players were Ryder Lindner, Esaie Kulumishi, Charlie Waters and Vinnie Moore.

Unfortunately, the second game against Adelaide High was not as successful as our first game. After a reflective talking to by the coaching staff the boys were able to regroup and finish off the final two quarters strong in the contest and were able to hit the scoreboard. The game 2 best players were Luc Baverstock, Tommy Taylor, Bailey Dale and George Berkin.

A tired group returned home but the team learned a lot from the experience. The playing group conducted themselves brilliantly and were well led by their Captain Zane Lewis and Vice-Captain Luc Baverstock.

Thanks to Mr Maney & Mr Patzel for their supervision and coaching.



## Open Boys and Girls Volleyball

On Monday 4 September, our Open Girls and Boys Volleyball teams competed against other local High Schools at Wulanda in the South East Volleyball Competition.

The girls team saw huge improvement throughout the day, which was brought on by everyone supporting each other through the highs and lows. The team finished with a win against Penola High School, a draw against Millicent High School and two hard fought losses against Grant High School and Mount Gambier High School.

The boys team got better as the day went on finishing with a win against Penola High School, a 1-1 draw against Grant High School and a very close loss to Mount Gambier High School to round out the day.

Congratulations to both teams on their great sportsmanship throughout the day.



## Upcoming Sporting Events

### 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



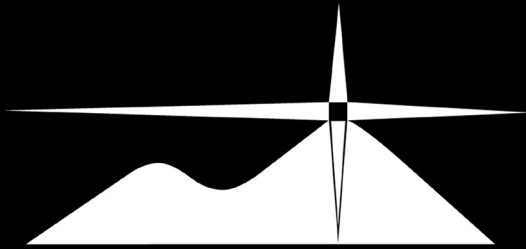
Community   
**Noticeboard**

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

# International Early Educators Day







TENISON WOODS  
COLLEGE

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

TENISON WOODS COLLEGE

*Presents*

# A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

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](http://www.countryarts.org.au)

Ticket Prices: Family \$45 (2A + 2C)    Adult \$15  
Concession \$10    Child U12 or 13-17 \$10





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# HELP WANTED WORKING LAPTOP 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!**