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WEEK 1, TERM 4

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Weekly Newsletter



Welcome Back To Term 4!

Our students walked through the school gates beaming with excitement as they were met with a brand new playground in the MacKillop Junior School.

The natural play space was completed during the holiday break, with students highly anticipating the opportunity to test it out.

There were lots of smiling faces and we are hoping not too many bumps and grazes.



Student Free Day This Friday 20 October (Week 1)

From the Principal



Ready, Set ... For A Very Significant Term

I look forward to Term 4 with all its rites of passage and the 'final quarter' effort that will ensure a wonderful conclusion to the 2023 academic year. In addition to all the finishing touches there will also be significant transition experiences to ensure our students make the best possible start to 2024.

Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem and all the Ordinaries of the Holy Land called for a day of fasting, abstinence and prayer on Tuesday 17 October.

As we witness the crisis which is unfolding in Israel and the Gaza Strip we are horrified by the deliberate slaughter of innocent men, women and children and the imminent suffering of Palestinians who are now besieged in the Gaza Strip, cut off from food, water and power and fearing the violence which is coming to their homes.

As the impact of war and violence is felt in our hearts and in our communities, we are called to "open our hearts in special way" and pray for peace and the end of violence in the Holy Land. As expressed by Father Peter in the Sunday Parish bulletin, while we watch "the horror unfolding of the Israeli-Hamas conflict it is easy to imagine that what's wrong with the world is 'out there.' It's true, we can't fix the world, but we can fix ourselves. We are called to be peacemakers, we are called to forgive seventy times seven times, we are called to turn the other cheek. We must pray for them, but we must change ourselves."

*God of mercy and compassion,
of grace and reconciliation,
pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East:
Jews, Muslims and Christians,
Palestinians and Israelis.
Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope,
oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation,
that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces,
and peace and justice could be experienced by all.
- Reverend Said*

From: <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/prayers-in-times-of-crisis/prayer-for-peace-in-the-middle-east>

Operation Prayer Garden – Full Steam Ahead!

Thanks to the wonderful inspiration of our Tenison Woods College Little Leaders, under the guidance of Maria Jeffrey and Rayhna Stephens, our Grounds Team have been busy laying the foundations for our College Prayer Garden and Swale Project. A place of reflection, inspiration and connection with our God, this Prayer Garden is the Little Leaders' gift to the College.

All we need now is many committed parents who will assist with the planting of the front swale and prayer garden area. The Working Bee will be next Saturday 28 October and will be the Back Yard (Front Yard actually!) Blitz that will bring the project to completion, so that by Saturday 12:00midday we will have an inspirational Prayer Garden!

Working Bee - Next Saturday 28 October

Can you offer half an hour, next Saturday 28th October? During the Working Bee we will complete the planting of the swale and prayer garden, replenish sand in the ELCC, add extra soft-fall chips to the MacKillop Junior School play areas, and paint the fence between the ELCC and Reception play areas.

We'd love as much help as you can offer – any time you could spare would be appreciated.

Please bring any gardening equipment you think could be of use: gloves, shovel, rakes, barking pitch forks, wheelbarrows, even your ute. The working bee will commence at 8.00am. Morning tea and refreshments will be supplied with a BBQ available from 10.00am. For those able to assist on the day we ask that you please complete this [online form](#).

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

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

The link is attached [here](#)

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

Staff Professional Learning Communities of Practice Conference, CoP23

This Thursday afternoon and Friday we will be attending as a staff the Communities of Practice Conference, CoP23, a celebration of communal and collaborative endeavour conducted in 2023 by teachers and co-educators in the learning environments of our region; an opportunity for staff to reflect on the way we assist our young to find their place, pathway and then to shine. We are also delighted to have staff of Mary MacKillop Memorial School and St Anthony's Catholic Primary School a part of this significant Learning Conference.

This year in our region we have accentuated teacher collaboration and mutual accountability with an aspiration of determining clarity in what makes thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires. At this time of the Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) Living, Learning, Leading Framework, and celebrating the agency of our young, CoP23 is a commitment to continue reflecting on our craft as Catholic educators, who aspire to enable each and every learner in our region to shine, with all the deep reflection, critique, collaboration, humility, professional frailty and wonderful communal success that such whole staff endeavour brings.



Our 2023 Shining Lights – A great deal to celebrate

The Friends of Tenison Woods College (Old Scholars Association) is very pleased to conduct the 2023 Shining Lights Awards on Saturday 28 October at 6:30pm at City Hall, Mount Gambier.

The free community evening and 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.

In 2023 we are delighted to celebrate the Shining Lights:

- Jack Annear
- Annie and Andy Clifford
- Pam Ronan

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.

So get along on Saturday 28 October at 6:30pm at City Hall, Mount Gambier. It will be a great community evening! Click here to secure your free ticket (RSVP is for catering purposes). <https://events.humanitix.com/2023-shining-light-awards>

Uniform Reminder – Extreme Hair

I remind families of the College policy in relation to uniform, and particularly students' hair. The policy indicates:

Expectations

Hair is to be clean and brushed or combed to maintain a neat and tidy appearance. Hair is also to be of a singular natural colour. All student hair, male and female, is to be tied up and secured neatly if at a length that can be pulled back. Students are not to have dreadlocks, rat's tails or other extreme styles and if a student's head is shaved, it is to be a minimum number two cut."

I further clarify that in a practical sense the College Leadership determine that hair which touches the shoulder would normally be tied up. This satisfies our duty of care, hygiene and Work Health and Safety obligations.

I further clarify for students and parents, the following haircuts are deemed as extreme: mullets of inappropriate length, rats tails, dreadlocks, mohawks, extreme uneven grades, extreme undercuts, and patterns or designs shaved into the hair.

I also ask that as many students may have grown over the winter period, can dresses please be adjusted to knee length.

I thank families in anticipation for your support in this matter. As I have often indicated, attention to the detail of clear and safe boundaries ensures that the larger issues do not eventuate in a school community.

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
Wednesday 24 January 2024	Book collection day and Staff planning day
Friday 26 January 2024	Australia Day Public Holiday
Monday 29 January 2024	Reception, Years 7, 10,11, 12 commence Term 1.
Tuesday 30 February 2023	All other students commence Term 1.

God Bless,
David Mezinac | Principal

CIM Team News



All Souls Day- Reflection Space

All Souls Day is a holy day that is celebrated in the Catholic church on the 2 November each year. It is traditionally a day that family and friends remember and pray for their loved ones who have since passed away.

This All Souls Day, we would like honour and remember loved ones who have passed away by recording their names and having these visible in the school chapel.

If your family would like a loved one's name to be added to the reflection space, please email name/s through to me - telfs@tenison.catholic.edu.au

Our purpose is to provide a space for our community to visit and pray for loved ones and to provide a dedicated place for quiet reflection throughout week 4.

Fr Julian Tenison Woods

October 7 was the anniversary of the death of Fr Julian Tenison Woods. Fr Julian was a man of many talents: an environmentalist, scientist, priest, explorer, campaigner for social justice and the rights of Indigenous people, among many others. To hear about what he means to us here at Tenison Woods College, please see the following video [here](#).

Middle School Faith in Action Awards

We are currently accepting nominations from community members for our Middle School 'Faith in Action' awards. Each year, an award is given to one TWC student in each year MS year level who has acted for the Common Good this year. If you would like a student recognised for their contribution to the betterment of the school or wider community throughout the year, please email Chris Lloyd (lloyd@tenison.catholic.edu.au) with their name and a brief summation of why you think that student would be a worthy recipient.

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. There will be no Mass in Week 1.

Term 4 Mass and liturgy times are as follows:

Week 2	Thursday 26 October 9:10am Year 11 Mass
Week 2	Friday 27 October 11:00am Year 12 Final Mass
Week 3	Thursday 2 November 9:10am Year 6 Mass (All Soul's Day)
Week 4	Thursday 9 November 9:10am Year 10 Mass and 10:15am Year 2 Liturgy
Week 5	Thursday 16 November 9:10am Year 7 Mass and 10:15am Year 3 Liturgy
Week 6	Thursday 23 November 9:10am Year 8 Mass and 10:15am Year 1 Liturgy
Week 7	Thursday 30 November 9:00am Whole School Mass (BHS)
Week 8	Thursday 7 December 9:10am Year 4/5 Mass and 10:15am Reception Liturgy

From the Parish

Fifteen minutes with Father - Moments with Mary

'Fifteen Minutes with Father' continues Sunday, 22 October, immediately after 11.00am Mass, and every Sunday till end of October. Fr Peter & Fr Olek highlight a time where Mary was especially close to Jesus, and how we too can invite her into our daily lives. This catechesis program is designed for children in primary school.

Children's Choir Rehearsal

In preparation for the Family Mass on Sunday, 29 October, the Children's Choir will be having a rehearsal on Monday, 23 October, at 6.00pm in the choir loft of St Paul's Church. Children aged 8 and up are invited to come along. For any inquiry, please contact Debbie on 0473 182 466



Upcoming Key Dates

WEEK 1

Thursday 19 October

- Growing Cricket for Girls Program
- Stage 1 Rock Climbing Camp A | Mount Arapiles-Tooan State Park, Victoria
- Academy of Hospitality Adelaide Immersion

Friday 20 October

- **Student Free Day**
- **Early Learning Community Centre Closed**
- **SAPSASA State Basketball Finals | Adelaide**
- **Academy of Hospitality Adelaide Immersion**

WEEK 2

Monday 23 October

- Year 12 Trial Exams/Tutorials
- Year 9/10 Girls & Boys Knockout Basketball Finals | Wayville

Tuesday 24 October

- Year 12 Trial Exams/Tutorials
- Year 9/10 Girls & Boys Knockout Basketball Finals | Wayville
- Stage 1 Rock Climbing Camp B | Mount Arapiles-Tooan State Park, Victoria
- SANFL Foundation Umpiring Course | Penola
- 2024 School Captains Speech Presentation

Wednesday 25 October

- Year 12 Trial Exams/Tutorials
- Stage 1 Rock Climbing Camp B | Mount Arapiles-Tooan State Park, Victoria
- 9SHINE Camp Information Evening | Barrie Holmes Stadium

Thursday 26 October

- Year 12 Trial Exams/Tutorials
- Stage 1 Rock Climbing Camp B | Mount Arapiles-Tooan State Park, Victoria
- SE Primary Schools Music Festival Blaze Choir Rehearsals & Performance
- Year 11 Mass | 9:10am

Friday 27 October

- Year 12 End of Formal Lessons Celebration
- Year 4 - 6 Assembly | 2:05pm
- Year R - 3 Assembly | 2:35pm
- South East Primary School's Music Festival Performance

Saturday 28 October

- Tenison Woods College Working Bee | 8:00am
- Shining Light Function | Commodore on the Park, 6:30pm

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



Year 8 Board Games

As part of the Year 8 Medieval History Unit, the students were tasked to work together to create board games that demonstrate their learning.

The students presented their finished work and then enjoyed some time playing the games that their fellow students have created.



Leaving Families Function

During the last week of Term 3, we celebrated the final part of the journey for many families at our Leaving Families function, completing their formal association with us.

This special evening was a wonderful way to celebrate with and thank these families, after committing many years to Catholic education in our region.

We wish all of our leaving families and students all the best for their future!



Old Scholars 'Where Are You Now'

Tenison Woods College loves to stay connected with Old Scholars, following your journey through life, as well as sharing stories of success in a variety of fields.

To launch Old Scholars 'Where Are You Now' we start by finding out the pathway Lisa McCormick (O'Rorke) has taken since graduating from Tenison College in 1982.

Follow this link to read Lisa's Story - <https://shorturl.at/hjDV5>



A Fabulous End to Term 3!

The sun was shining, and the spirits were soaring high in anticipation of the 2023 Toyota AFL Premiership on the last day of Term 3.

We came together as a whole College community, to recap on what a term it was, at our whole school assembly.

Congratulations to all students for their effort across all aspects of learning, sports, music and academic excellence as many of our students prepare for their upcoming exams.

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)



Football Skills Session

Year 4 Student, Harry Sneath, recently ran a football skills session with a group of Reception boys.

Harry is a keen footy fan with a passion for umpiring and is a great volunteer at his local Football Club.

On Thursday 28 September, Harry was presented with an official AFL umpires top signed by Ray Chamberlain 'Razor Ray'. It's fair to say he was quite excited, and we don't doubt he hangs it proudly in his room.



Boandik Lodge Connections

During Term 3, some of our students have been forming meaningful bonds with Boandik Lake Terrace residents.

The students have been participating in arts and crafts, board games and listening to the endless stories of the many residents showcasing the beauty of intergenerational friendships and celebrating this heartwarming initiative together.



Scholastic Book Club Issue 7

If you wish to purchase anything from the Scholastic Book Club Issue 7, please order online through the LOOP ordering platform.

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.

Follow the prompts to create a new account if it is your first-time ordering (only one account per family is required). Unfortunately, we will no longer be accepting cash payments for book club. All orders for Issue 7 need to be in by Friday 3 November.



Raise a glass for the 2023 Titans USA Tour - Wine Drive

Our excited 2023 Titans USA Tour contingent of 48 students and staff are gearing up, ready to jet off for our 9th biennial USA tour eager to experience US culture, competition, schooling, hospitality and not least of all, create some life long memories.

The group will leave Melbourne on 25 November and return on 16 December, taking part in sporting and sight-seeing activities in Seattle, Portland San Francisco, Los Angeles and Fiji.

To help raise money for the trip, the group are running a wine drive with Rymill Coonawarra. Rymill is offering discounted wines, including reduced prices for mixed dozen purchases. Please see the order form for varieties and prices. If you'd like to place an order please email your completed order form to Tanya Thomson (thota@tenison.catholic.edu.au). Wines need to be ordered by **Friday 20 October** with delivery to Tenison Woods College ready for distribution the week commencing Monday 30 October.

Rymill will generously donate 30% of the total order to the USA Tour.

Please [click here](#) to access the wine order form.



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.

Due to the exciting expansion of the College and the Early Learning Centre, we are seeking suitably qualified staff members for the following permanent positions commencing January, 2024.

- Year 7 - 9 Global Perspectives (HASS, English & Religious Education) Teacher**
- Year 7 - 9 Future Thinking (Mathematics, Science) Teacher**
- Year 7 - 10 Health and Physical Education Teacher**
- Year 7 - 10 Woodwork and/or Metal Technologies Teacher**

Applications close 4:00pm Monday 30 October, 2023.

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

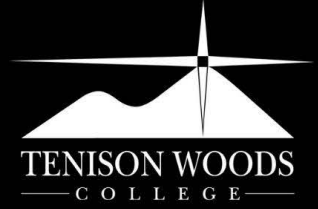
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SHINING LIGHT Awards

2023



PRESENTING THE 2023 RECIPIENTS



Jack Annear

ST PAUL'S (1994-2000)
TENISON WOODS COLLEGE
(2001-2006)



Andy and Annie Clifford

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Pam Ronan

PRINCIPAL,
TENISON WOODS COLLEGE
(2000-2010)

We invite you to join us:



SHINING LIGHT Awards

2023

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER

CITY HALL - MAIN CORNER

FREE ENTRY - DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Please RSVP for catering purposes:

<https://events.humanitix.com/2023-shining-light-awards>