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WEEK 2, TERM 4

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Weekly Newsletter



2023 Communities of Practice Conference

The Communities of Practice Conference for 2023 was held across two days in the MacKillop Junior School.

Teachers from our local Catholic Schools came together to share, collaborate and reflect on the many projects they have undertaken throughout the year. Staff were treated to keynote speeches from Dr Stephen Brown of The Brown Collective and David Kelly, which added a depth of reflection and greater awareness to the day.

Communities of Practice 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.

Below staff are enjoying conference drinks to celebrate the two days of learning.



Growing our Gifts Together at Tenison Woods College

From the Principal



Staff Professional Learning Communities of Practice Conference, CoP23

Last Thursday afternoon and Friday 19 and 20 October we conducted the staff 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 were also delighted to have staff of Mary MacKillop Memorial School and St Anthony's Catholic Primary School a part of this significant Learning Conference.

Special guests, Stephen Brown of the Brown Collective, and David Kelly of the Life Buoyancy Institute assisted staff during the two days, with a wonderfully inspiring plenary session Friday, supporting our regional leaders in their craft of leadership and assisting us in our evolution of trauma informed positive educational practice across the region.

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 was 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.

Celebrating our Year 12 Students

We will formally acknowledge the rite of passage for our year 12 students and wish them well for the next critical stage of their learning journey Friday morning, 27 October.

The program for the morning will include:

- 8.00am Breakfast for 2023 Year 12 students shared with staff.
- 9.35am Senior School Assembly – to be held in the Barrie Holmes Stadium with the Senior School cohort and Reception buddies.
- 10.15am Cake Presentation in the Barrie Holmes Stadium (Year 12 students, families/carers and staff).
- 10.45am Whole School Guard of Honour.
- 11.00am Year 12 Farewell Mass (Year 12 students, staff & parents).
- 12.00pm Dismissal.

We anticipate that the morning will be a highlight for the class, enabling the whole school an opportunity to wish the year 12 class all the best at this significant stage of their learning, and inspire them to put in that extra effort during this period, so that they will be appropriately rewarded with individual and communal success.

Discerning Student Leadership for 2024

As Tania Sigley and I met with School Captain candidates this Monday to discuss their vision and hopes for the College community in 2024 I was excited about the next year of student leadership in the College. I also expect that the leadership of our Year 12 students in 2024 will be critical to what we as a school achieve and how the student's voice is given expression in our school community.

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 this Saturday and will be the Back Yard (Front Yard actually!) Blitz that will bring the project to completion, so that by Saturday 12:00 midday we will have an inspirational Prayer Garden!

Working Bee - This Saturday

Can you offer half an hour this 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](#).

Our 2023 Shining Lights – This Saturday

The Friends of Tenison Woods College (Old Scholars Association) is very pleased to conduct the 2023 Shining Lights Awards this 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 this Saturday 28 October at 6:30pm at City Hall, Mount Gambier. It will be a great community evening! [lick here](#) to secure your free ticket (RSVP is for catering purposes). <https://events.humanitix.com/2023-shining-light-awards>



Carpark Care

I remind families during these days of challenging weather conditions and extensive building on our site to drive at no more than 15kmh while on the College grounds. I also ask that parents accompany young students to and from the council property adjacent to the College's Shepherdson Road, across the poplars lined driveway. I ask this in an attempt to prevent any potential accidents which could occur to inexperienced and enthusiastic children, who make their own way from the school grounds to cars parked on the council property.

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 Portal option and selecting BYOD Parent / Guardian Information.

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 January 2024 All other students commence Term 1.

God Bless,

David Meziniec | Principal

CIM Team News



All Saints and All Soul's Days

The month of November begins with All Saints Day, 1 November, followed by All Soul's Day, 2 November. Traditionally during the month of November, the Catholic Church honours and remembers the Saints and heroes of the Church and relatives and friends who have died. We are reminded that living or dead, we belong to the Communion of Saints, that those living on earth, and those who have lived before, are all united in the Body of Christ.

The pagan festival Halloween, which is celebrated with growing enthusiasm in Australia, interestingly comes from the old English word, 'hallow,' and literally means holy or blessed and can be used to describe saints. Halloween then actually means All Hallows Eve - or the day before All Saints Day.

These saints and these souls who have gone before us and responded to the invitations of their time with an imagination, creativity and courage. Their lives were so filled with the love of God that people began to experience God's love more deeply through them. In honouring their journey, we also commit ourselves to evolving our vibrant faith tradition in a way that honours the past, with excitement for the future, and confidence in a life beyond what we know.

We invite members of the school and parish community to join us for 9:10am Mass in the TWC Chapel on All Soul's Day, Thursday 2 November.

November- Reflection Space

We would like to 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 November.

MS 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 Middle School 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.

Family Mass

The first Family Mass for Term 4 will be held this Sunday 29 October, 11:00am at St Paul's Church.

Families of the College are encouraged to attend this vibrant celebration and to stay for 15 Minutes with Father following the Mass.

Masses at TWC

We invite family and friends to join us for Masses and liturgies in the school Chapel.

Upcoming Masses and Liturgies 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)

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.

Sacramental Preparation Session

Families enrolled in the 2023/2024 Sacramental Program are reminded that the first preparation session will be taking place this Saturday, 28 October, at 2pm in St Paul's Hall. The session will go for approximately one hour. We look forward to seeing the children there.



Upcoming Key Dates

WEEK 2

Wednesday 25 October

- 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

WEEK 3

Monday 30 October

- Year 4 Swimming Lessons
- Students with Disabilities Multi Sport Carnival

Tuesday 31 October

- Year 8 Camp | Robe
- Year 4 Swimming Lessons
- Year 6 Canberra Camp Information Session

Wednesday 1 November

- Year 8 Camp | Robe
- All Saints Day
- Year 4 Swimming Lessons

Thursday 2 November

- Year 8 Camp | Robe
- All Souls Day
- Year 6 Mass | 9am
- Year 4 Swimming Lessons

Friday 3 November

- Year 8 Camp | Robe
- Year 4 Swimming Lessons
- Years 4-6 Assembly | 2:00pm
- Years R-3 Assembly | 2:40pm
- Little Mermaid Rehearsals | 3pm



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.

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



Reception Buddies Taken of Appreciation

As our Year 12 students journey at Tenison Woods College is drawing to a close, their reception buddies made a little token of their appreciation.

The reception students each drew a heartfelt drawing and gifted a candle to their buddies, in anticipation for the upcoming Year 12 Farewell Assembly on Friday.

We wish our Year 12s all the best for their practice exams this week, and we look forward to watching the receptions escort their buddy down the aisle.

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



Blast Cricket

The beginning of Term 4, has seen our students in Years 2-4 lucky enough to have the Blast Cricket Program develop our students basic cricket skills.

Thank you to Ryan, Thomas and Ash from Blast Cricket for teaching our budding athletes some valuable skills in a fun environment.

Tenison Woods College
Production of

Disney **THE LITTLE MERMAID**

Music by **ALAN MENKEN** Lyrics by **HOWARD ASHMAN & GLENN SLATER** Book by **DOUG WRIGHT**

Directed by Callum Byrne Choreography by Samara Hough Vocal Direction by Sarah Raymond Music Direction by Penny Mansell

8th November 2023
7pm
Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

Tickets
Adult \$15
Concession \$10
Family (2A+2C) \$40

Based on Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker and written & directed by John Musker and Ron Clements
Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia). All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

The Little Mermaid

Tickets are selling fast for Tenison Woods College's music production of "The Little Mermaid" so get in quick to purchase yours!

[Click here](#) to get your tickets.

Uniform Focus Jewellery

The following items of jewellery may be worn

- A watch
- A fine gold or silver chain with a small religious symbol
- Sleepers or stud earrings – one per ear in earlobe only
- Make up is not to be visible and clear nail polish may be worn
- Body piercings, tattoos or body art are not permitted



2023 Shining Light Awards Sneak Peek

[Click here](#) to watch a sneak peek of the 2023 Shining light award recipients.



ICAS Assessment Results

Each year students are invited to take part in the National ICAS Assessments when students compete against students throughout Australia in a range of curriculum areas. This year we again have students who have performed very well. Congratulations to all these students, particularly the following students who achieved a Distinction for their efforts; Zahli Golebiowski, James Williamson (2), Andy Guan (2), William Mott and Kareena Ghosh.

For parents and carers interested in enrolling their students in 2024 details will be in Newsletters early in Term 1. Certificates will be sent home to all 2023 participating students this week.

English

Merit – Taqdeer Kaur, Aaron Chen

Credit – Zahli Golebiowski, James Williamson, William Mott, Andy Guan, Charlie Little, Archie Olsen

Digital Technologies

Merit – Ezekiel Owusu, Taqdeer Kaur, Leo Mules, Archie Marlow

Credit – Davyd Davydiuk, Sian Courtney,

Distinction – Zahli Golebiowski, James Williamson, Andy Guan

Science

Merit – Phillip Guan

Credit – Zahli Golebiowski, Leo Mules, James Williamson, Archie Olsen

Distinction – Andy Guan

Maths

Merit – Sian Courtney

Credit – Leo Mules, Toby Telford, Zahli Golebiowski, Phillip Guan, William Mott, Andy Guan, Davyd Davydiuk, Archie Olsen

Distinction – James Williamson, Kareena Ghosh

Spelling Bee

Merit – Taqdeer Kaur

Credit – Violet Davis, Zahli Golebiowski, Leo Mules, Charlie Little, Caitlin Barry, Marcon Gemino, Archie Olsen

Distinction – William Mott

Writing

Merit – James Williamson

Credit – Taqdeer Kaur, Marcon Gemino, Kiahna Little, Archie Olsen

Chris Lloyd | Online Assessment Coordinator



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>



Academy of Hospitality Excursion

On Thursday, 14 of our Senior School Academy of Hospitality students travelled to Adelaide to experience a broad range of immersion opportunities designed to expand an understanding around the Hospitality Industry.

The group attended the opening of the International OzAsia Festival and Lucky Dumpling Markets on the banks of the Torrens at dusk with thousands of lights shining for the Moon Lantern Festival.

Friday saw the students start the day with a coffee cupping session at Veneziano with one of Australia's champion baristas, before visiting Haighs Chocolate Factory and enjoying an amazing French/Vietnamese High Tea at Madame Hanoi in the SkyCity casino complex.

The trip home was made easy with stops at Hahndorf to meet Tiktok barista Homeboy and enjoy some traditional pretzels from Otto's Bakery as we investigated tourism and marketing concepts.

It was an amazing few days of experiences enjoyed in the city with a big thanks to Trent Eitzen for driving the bus!



SHINEfm Podcast

On this episode of SHINEfm we spoke to our 2023 School Captains, Gael and Aden. They spoke about the pride they felt in watching the 2024 School Captains candidate speeches and thanked the College community for their support over the past year.

Listen on Spotify: <https://shorturl.at/1JPT5>
 Listen on our Website: <https://shorturl.at/asBI2>

From the Sports Department



QKR! App Important Reminders

When using the QKR! App for canteen orders, please be reminded of the below points. The Canteen have noticed an increase in errors, so please take care when ordering. User accuracy is extremely important when using the QKR! App. Please be vigilant with student name, and class. If you have made a mistake, you can click profile on the QKR home page, and edit the student's profile.

- Only 1 Order Per Child (please don't order for siblings using 1 child's name, each child needs their own unique profile)
- If child goes home sick, please let the Front Office know that they had a canteen order for that day (or phone the canteen directly on 8724 4607 to notify). Any children who are sick, without the canteen being notified prior to recess time will forfeit their order.
- Once orders are placed on the App, no changes can be made to the order.
- If a forward order is completed, the money will be deducted from the chosen bank account on the day the order is placed.

Leanne Sandow | Canteen Manager



SAPSASA Basketball and Cricket

As we wrap up the SAPSASA events for the year, we congratulate the following students for their involvement in events this term:

Tennis: Ollie Cutting, Louis Proserpi-Porta, Annabelle G, Olivia Perry, Abbie Richards and Sophia McCullough - who head to state tennis in Adelaide from November 22nd till 24th.

State Basketball Final Students: Hudson Gray, Jobe Creek, Dane O'Brien, Digby Stephens, Jack Fenton, Bailey T, Thomas Pedler, Uri Arendtsz, Azi Arendtsz.

Congratulations to all students.

2023 Communities of Practice



Receptions Buddies Taken of Appreciation





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)

THIS WEEKEND
SECURE YOUR
FREE TICKET - [CLICK HERE](#)

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>