

# Weekly Newsletter



## Year 12 Last Day of Formal Lessons

On Friday, our Year 12 cohort celebrated their last day of formal lessons. The morning started off with a breakfast catered by the Sugarloaf Cafe, before their Reception buddies led them into their final assembly.

The Reception students then performed a dance to 'Reach for The Stars', along with our Showband who also put on an amazing performance, and our liturgical dancers shared

a prayer with the College community. A special cake presentation was held after the assembly for the Year 12 students and their families.

The Year 12 cohort joined together for a Guard of Honour, with the whole College community lining the walkways of the College, with signs and happy smiles to celebrate their great achievements! The formalities of the day finished with a Mass led by Father Peter Zwaans. We wish the Class of 2023 all the best as they enter the upcoming exam period.





# From the Principal



## Honouring our Year 12 Students

Last Friday we formally acknowledged the rite of passage for our Year 12 students and wished them well for the next critical stage of their learning journey.

I thank the students for the way they participated in the program of breakfast, farewell assembly, morning tea with families, whole school Guard of Honour, and final Year 12 Mass.

I also thank the staff and parents who played their part in making it such a special day, as well as the Sugarloaf Café for their wonderful catering, including final celebratory cupcakes especially made to acknowledge the Year 12's of 2023.

A feature of the day was a Guard of Honour as Year 12's moved to the chapel for their final mass as a Year 12 cohort. The Guard of Honour symbolised the journey of the Year 12's with us in our College community. At this time as they move to a significant period in that journey we walk right along side the Year 12's and we are right behind them. The Guard of Honour indicated to the Year 12's that they have been very important to us and they will always be very important to us. But in appreciating this communal support and enjoying these rite of passage moments we asked the Year 12's to remember, when they take responsibility for their future at this time there are often no short cuts – it takes SWAGger (skill, work ethic, attitude, knowing their game) and full presence to reach their potential. They are in the process of creating something very special, so we urged them to give it the space, time and the full attention it deserves to SHINE with SWAGger.

At this time I also offer deep thanks to the Parish Rosary Beads Making Group, who presented hand-made rosary beads to each individual Year 12 student at their final mass together. A day of special memories for our group of graduating students.

## Student Leadership

At last week's whole school assembly we thanked our Year 12's for their efforts over the past year as our senior leaders. Our Year 12 Senior Leaders also concluded their active leadership in the College so that they have time to prepare for their exams and concluding assignments. At this significant time of transition we thanked our wonderful College Captains, Gael Chizungu and Aden Clarke, for their efforts this year. We also thanked all our Mission Leaders, Wellbeing Leaders, Sustainability Leaders, Sports Leaders, Music Leaders, Learning Leaders, and Founder (House) Leaders for all their efforts this year.

Gael and Aden also had the pleasure of announcing that, from an outstanding array of young people who offered their talents, Bree Robinson and Teangi Stephens would be the College Captains for the next school year.

Following on from the student leadership this year I am excited about the next year of student leadership in the College and I pledge the College's support for Bree and Teangi's efforts so that their servant leadership will have an impact. I also expect that their leadership 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 – Mission Accomplished!

Thanks to the wonderful inspiration of our Tenison Woods College Little Leaders, under the guidance of Maria Jeffrey and Rayhna Stephens, the efforts of our Grounds Team and wonderful families who attended the working bee on Saturday 28 October we have an inspirational Prayer Garden.

Thank you to the people who offered their time and talents to the working bee, which also enabled us to add extra soft-fall chips to the MacKillop Junior School play areas and add extra plants to the MacKillop Junior School nature play areas.

## Working Bees – A Commitment to Building Community



I had an interesting conversation with one parent who felt that they shouldn't attend working bees because of the fees they pay. Can I make it clear to our community that being a member of the Tenison Woods College community is much more than a transaction at a fast food outlet.

Firstly I make the point that Tenison Woods College tries hard to keep the fees for families at the lowest possible level and in fact there has not been a fee increase in the past three years. We also work hard to assist those families in need who find the fees a challenge. Working bees assist us in keeping fees as low as possible and helping those families in need.

But importantly attending such events as working bees is about contributing time and talents to a community that nurtures your child. In essence it is showing your child that you value the school beyond a transactional relationship, and you are prepared to play your part in being present to the community and building relationships with other committed families in our community. As I often say to staff and students, the 'magic' of Tenison Woods College occurs in the discretionary effort and I urge all families to see working bees as a way to show your children that you too are committed to the community, just as we expect of your children.

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

Last Saturday evening, 28 October, I was delighted to be involved in a celebration of Catholic school communities in Mount Gambier; communities which have let their light shine for 142 years. The evening continued the journey of telling our school story proudly, by capturing the story of individuals who offered insights into who we were, who we are, and who we want to be.

In 2023 we celebrated the Shining Lights:

- Jack Annear
- Annie and Andy Clifford
- Pam Ronan

On Saturday, we heard about their life and contributions, their inspirations and motivations, as people who have let their light shine. Just like the Shining Light mementos they received as an acknowledgement, they have stood out as beacons for those around them.

I trust that these stories will help us reflect on others who deserve nomination, in the spirit of telling the wonderful story that has evolved today to be Tenison Woods College.

Follow this [link](#) to view the inspirational stories of our Shining Lights.



At this time of acknowledging our College story and Shining Lights, the celebrations of All Saints Day, today, and All Souls Day, Thursday, call us to remember all those who have been faithful to the Gospel and have inspired us to live a faith-filled life. The pagan festival, Halloween, celebrated with growing enthusiasm in Australia, and interestingly, 'hallow' is an Old English word and literally means holy 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; these people, have gone before us and responded to the invitations of their time with an imagination, creativity and courage. 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.

**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, just check out our Bring Your Own Device page on our website. The link can be accessed [here](#).

You can also find this page in SEQTA Engage by choosing the Portals 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**

November commences with All Saints Day today on November 1st, followed by All Soul's Day on November 2nd. During this month, the Catholic Church observes a tradition of honouring and remembering both the Saints of the Church, as well as our departed relatives and friends. It's a powerful reminder that, whether living or deceased, we all belong to the Communion of Saints, a spiritual unity that transcends time and space.

We extend an invitation to all members of the school and parish community to join us for a special Mass at 9:10am in the Tenison Woods College Chapel on All Soul's Day, Thursday, November 2nd.

**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 Tenison Woods College 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](mailto: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**

We invite family and friends to join us for Masses and liturgies in the school Chapel. Upcoming Masses and Liturgies are as follow:

- Week 3 Thursday 2 November 9:10am Year 6 Mass (All Soul's Day)
- Week 4 Thursday 9 November 9:10am Year 10 Mass
- Week 4 Thursday 9 November 10:15am Year 2 Liturgy



## Upcoming Key Dates

**WEEK 3**

**Thursday 2 November**

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

**Friday 3 November**

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

**WEEK 4**

**Monday 6 November**

- Year 12 SACE Exams
- 2024 Term 1 Reception Information Evening | 6:15pm - 7:30pm

**Tuesday 7 November**

- Year 12 SACE Exams
- Year 6 Canberra Camp Departs

**Wednesday 8 November**

- Year 12 SACE Exams
- Year 6 Canberra Camp
- 'The Little Mermaid' Matinee Performance for Year 3 - 5 and poplars | 10:20am - 1:00pm
- 'The Little Mermaid' Musical | 7:00pm

**Thursday 9 November**

- Year 12 SACE Exams
- Year 6 Canberra Camp
- Poplars Robe Camp
- Year 10 Mass | 9:10am
- Year 2 Liturgy | 10:15am

**Friday 10 November**

- Year 12 SACE Exams
- Year 6 Canberra Camp
- Poplars Robe Camp
- SAPSASA Volleyball
- Remembrance Day Assembly | 12:40pm

**Saturday 11 November**

- Year 6 Canberra Camp
- Sacramental Reconciliation Session 2 | 2:00pm, St Paul's Hall

**Sunday 12 November**

- Year 6 Canberra Camp Returns





## Viva All School Athletics State Championships

Recently, Year 8 student, Hamish and Year 6 student, Annabelle travelled to Adelaide to compete in the Viva All School Athletics State Championships.

Annabelle competed in the age group above (Under 14), and at 12 years of age she achieved 6th place in Triple Jump with a PB. She will have the opportunity to compete in the same age group again next year and hopes to improve on her long jump and triple jump.

Hamish entered the competition without preseason training due to a broken leg. He managed to reach the final for the 100m and came 7th with a National Qualifying time for U14.

He also achieved;


- Gold for Shot Put (national qualifier length for U14)
- Silver for Javelin
- Bronze for Discus (national qualifier length for U14)

Hamish has qualified for the state team and will travel to Perth in December.

Tenison Woods College  
Production of

**Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID**

Music by <b>ALAN MENKEN</b>	Lyrics by <b>HOWARD ASHMAN &amp; GLENN SLATER</b>	Book by <b>DOUG WRIGHT</b>
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.

# Working Bee







## Healthy Harrold Visits ELCC

Last Thursday, the ELCC children were treated to a visit from Jade from Life Education Australia. The students joined in on sessions throughout the day in the piazza, where she taught us about being a good friend, and identifying feelings.

Harold's Big Feelings is one of Life Ed's new programs supporting preschool children to build social and emotional wellbeing skills and knowledge.

The program is targeted at 3-5 year old children and focuses on emotional literacy, emotional regulation, friendship and connection and help seeking. The interactive session includes a new book featuring Australian illustrations, storytelling, music and songs that help children learn about health, safety and emotional wellbeing through the opportunity to engage in play-based, fun and hands on learning experiences.

We got to say hello to Harold the Giraffe and even got to have a cuddle!

Thank you Jade and Harold for your time, we loved having you visit.



## 2024 School Captains Announced

On Friday, our 2023 School Captains Gael and Aden handed over the reins as they announced the School Captains for 2024.

The College voted and it was revealed that Bree Robinson and Teangi Stephens will take over from the fantastic leadership that Gael and Aden have shown this year.

We wish Bree and Teangi all the best as they settle into their new roles.



## SHINEfm Podcast

This week on the SHINEfm Podcast our Head of Middle School, Mr Patzel, gives us an insight into the Year 8 Camp that is currently occurring in Robe. We hear from some students and staff about the activities they have been undertaking, the sleeping arrangements and what they are most looking forward to over the next few days.

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

Listen on our Website: <https://shorturl.at/hqs79>



## 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



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





## Library News

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Over 600 students from Tenison Woods College participated in this year's Challenge and will be receiving their awards this week. It was a great effort with many students also opting to read the 20 Book option in celebration of 20 Years of the Premier's Reading Challenge in South Australia. Those students will receive a certificate acknowledging this along with their award.

Congratulations and well done to all students who participated from Reception to Year 12!

### Student Borrowing

The final day for students to borrow items from the library is Friday Week 4 (10 November) and all items will need to be returned to the library by Friday Week 6 (24 November). Classes will receive notices in Week 5 for students of what they currently have borrowed and need to return. In Week 6 if students have items that have not been returned, individual notices will be given to them to take home. We always appreciate support from home in assisting students to return their borrowed items to the library.

### Archives and History

If you have an interest in looking at the old school Year Books 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 9 November in the College library from 9am – 11am.

The Year Books 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.

Please register your interest by scanning the QR Code or email [archives@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:archives@tenison.catholic.edu.au) or phone the school ph 8725 5455 leaving your name and contact details for the library manager to confirm the session availability and school access information for the morning.



Alexandra Nicholson | Library Manager

## Uniform Focus Jackets and Warmer Options

Two optional items are available to be worn outside when the temperature is under 23 degrees.

- Tenison Woods College navy raincoat
- Tenison Woods College navy soft shell jacket
- Polar Fleece Vest (Year 3 – 6)
- Tenison Woods College navy scarf

Under garments should not be visible



## From the Sports Department



## Year 9-10 Div 1 State Basketball Finals

Our Division 1 Year 9-10 Basketball teams recently travelled to Adelaide to play in the School Sport SA Knockout Basketball Finals.

The boys teams faced some tough competition from Henley High in the semi final; they played some outstanding team basketball and controlled their game, winning 75-52. The girls first game, also against a strong outfit from Henley High School was well-fought. The game went down to the final siren, with Tenison going down by 3 points 34-37.

After a close loss the girls faced St. Michaels for 3rd place and controlled the game from start to finish, winning the game 44-40. Congratulations girls on finishing 3rd in the State.

The boys spirits never wavered and their determination found them line up against Trinity College in the Grand Final. The boys put forward a strong fight, with the score even at half-time and Tenison up by two entering the final quarter. However, it wasn't to be, with Trinity coming away with an 11-point win 57-46. An outstanding effort with the boys securing 2nd place in the competition.

Thank you to the staff for supporting both teams, and we congratulate the students for their performance on the court.

## 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 12 Last Day Assembly





# Year 12 Last Day Guard of Honour





# Shining Light Awards

