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# Weekly Newsletter



## Grandparents and Special Friends Day

On Friday 3 November, the Early Learning & Community Centre celebrated Grandparents and Special Friends day.

The children loved welcoming their special people into the centre to show them around and participate in a range of activities, including garden play and painting.

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying morning tea catered by the Sugarloaf cafe.



*Growing our Gifts Together at Tenison Woods College*

# From the Principal



## Commissioned Art Work for the MacKillop Junior School

On Friday 3 November Kelly Egan, local talented artist and also a staff member of Tenison Woods College, delivered the commissioned art work for the new MacKillop Junior School Building. In Kelly's characteristic contemporary and insightful style, the work captures the gentle strength of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and can be viewed on the ground floor of the building in the communal gathering space. Thank you Kelly. We are very proud to display your outstanding art work as a significant feature of our MacKillop Junior School.



## Prison Sunday – 5 November

Last Sunday 5 November in the Parish Bulletin, Father Peter reminded us that we as a Catholic Church celebrated Prison Sunday. In The Year of Mercy (2016), Pope Francis instituted Prison Sunday, on the first Sunday of November, which is now internationally recognised in this way. Father Peter explained: "We come together to remember our brothers and sisters who are incarcerated around the world. It is a powerful witness to our faith to turn our minds towards those who are separated from families and communities and to let them know they are not forgotten. They remain part of The Body of Christ and despite the separation, a part of our society." At this time we direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and their children.

## Year 8 Robe Camp

The carefully prepared Year 8 camp in Robe last week featured Global Perspectives and Future Thinking activities. This camp offered a wonderful opportunity for Year 8 students to reflect on their spiritual life and deepen their relationship with God. The Global Perspectives and Future Thinking experiences offered a great deal of hands-on real world learning to occur. It was furthermore wonderful to hear of the students' growth in confidence, through teamwork activities and moving out of their comfort zones to enhance their individual and communal identities.

## 'The place of camps' at Tenison Woods College

This week the Year 6 Canberra Camp and the Poplars Camp in Robe, have prompted me to think that I am continually grateful for the wonderful culture that has evolved with school camp, retreat, sporting and field experiences at Tenison Woods College. We as a school community understand the critical importance of these experiences in the development of all our young and it is inspiring to see staff and parents working together to ensure that such opportunities offer students the greatest benefit.

Thank you to all the dedicated staff, parents and carers who have committed themselves to the wonderful experiences. It is inspiring to see the passion of people who make these experiences possible for our young and ensure their life experiences are inspired by the wondrous world in which we live.

## Anxiety and stretch

I am thankful for the families who work with our school pastoral care teachers, wellbeing coordinators, counsellors and leadership to navigate the challenging space of student anxiety that is a salient issue in our young, and particularly heightened in the face of camp experiences. While it is important to acknowledge the presence of such conditions for our young, the victory of gradually and deliberately encouraging the stretch - and increased circle of security - is a critical developmental milestone. I therefore thank parents for working with our staff in acknowledging the presence of anxiety in their children, but deliberately and thoughtfully inviting them to a zone of discomfort, stretch and ultimate personal victory in their development.

## Remembrance Day – Saturday 11 November

Remembrance Day is an opportunity for us to pay tribute to those men and women who have given their lives in the service of our country. As part of the College tribute our 2024 College School Captains, Bree Robinson and Teangi Stephens, will lay a wreath at the Mount Gambier service at Vansittart Park.

The College will also honour Remembrance Day at the Assembly on Friday with a ceremony, silence and ode, presented by Bob Sandow, RSL President, and also the presentation of the Tenison Woods College Flyers Award.

Such commemoration helps us reflect on events that have shaped our history and on the lives that have been impacted by the will of others. As we reflect on those who have offered themselves for the cause of freedom, let us not forget the part our faith can play in bringing peace to our world.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*

*Ever Patient Teacher,  
show us the ways of tolerance, teach us the ways of justice.  
Draw us all in heart and mind nearer Jesus Christ your son,  
Prince of peace. Amen*

## Feast Day of Venerable Catherine McAuley, Friday 11 November

Our College draws inspiration from four founders. One of them is the Venerable Catherine McAuley and from her "House of Mercy", which opened in 1827 through to the founding of her religious order, Religious Sisters of Mercy, in 1831 through to today where there are more than 12,000 Sisters of Mercy worldwide, running 200 health care facilities, 19 colleges, 58 schools and provide many other services that help people of every age, their mission has remained constant. Catherine knew that to be a real help to the poor and needy, she needed to be among them so that she could see the realities of the struggles they faced on a daily basis.

Known in Ireland as the "walking nuns" because they spent so much time in the community helping people, the Sisters of Mercy gave, and still do, give voice and hope to many in our world. Catherine died in 1841 and Pope John Paul II declared Sister Catherine McAuley "Venerable" in 1990. This is the first step on the path to sainthood.

Catherine always said that "proof of love is deed." For Catherine McAuley, 'putting her hand up to help out' was her daily endeavor and it is an inspiring example of how we can let our empathetic and caring deeds be the proof of our love for Jesus and others.

## Carpark Care and Phone Usage

SAPOL officers have completed some traffic duties around the College campus. Parents have been 'cautioned' in the "kiss and drop" line for using their mobile phones, and as such I remind our community of the legal imperatives re telephone usage in cars:

*"The driver of a vehicle must not use a mobile phone while the vehicle is moving, or is stationary but not parked, unless*

*(a) the phone is being used to make or receive an audio phone call and the body of the phone:*

*(i) is secured in a mounting affixed to the vehicle while being so used; or*

*(ii) is not secured in a mounting affixed to the vehicle and is not being held by the driver, and the use of the phone does not require the driver, at any time while using it, to press anything on the body of the phone or to otherwise manipulate any part of the body of the phone."*

The fines are quite hefty – currently at \$646.00 (inclusive of a victim of crime levy) and three (3) demerit points, so I urge our community to pay due diligence to this issue for the safety of all, not least our young.

## 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 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.

## Key dates for the commencement of 2024:

2024 beginning of year key dates 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 Mezinic | Principal

## CIM Team News



### 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](mailto:lloyd@tenison.catholic.edu.au)) with their name and a brief summation of why you think that student would be a worthy recipient.

### Whole School Mass

All families, parishioners and friends of the College are invited to attend the End of Year Mass on Thursday 30 November at 9.00am in the Barrie Holmes Stadium.

### 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 follows:

Week 4	Thursday 9 November, 9:10am	Year 10 Mass
Week 4	Thursday 9 November, 10:15am	Year 2 Liturgy
Week 5	Thursday 16 November, 9:10am	Year 7 Mass
Week 5	Thursday 16 November, 10:15am	Year 3 Liturgy

## From the Parish

### Sacramental Preparation Session

Families enrolled in the 2023/2024 Sacramental Program are reminded that the next preparation session will be taking place this Saturday 11 November, at 2pm in St Paul's Hall. The session will go for approximately one hour. We look forward to seeing the children there.

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator

**SHINEfm**  
**The Little Mermaid Musical**

## SHINEfm Podcast

In this week's episode of the SHINEfm Podcast we are on location at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre with Dom Gertners. We caught up with the stars of The Little Mermaid Musical before they took to the stage for today's matinee performance.

Listen on Spotify: <https://shorturl.at/fsNZ9>

Listen on our Website: <https://shorturl.at/hjGX1>



## Upcoming Key Dates

### WEEK 4

#### 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

### WEEK 5

#### Monday 13 November

- Year 12 SACE Exams
- PE Week Commences
- Year 8 Caving and Surfing Camp 1
- Year 6 Rest Day
- Year 7A, 7B and 7C Water Excursion

#### Tuesday 14 November

- Year 12 SACE Exams
- Year 8 Caving and Surfing Camp 1
- SAPSASA Cricket Carnival
- Year 7D, 7E and 7F Water Excursion
- Volleyball Roadshow

#### Wednesday 15 November

- Year 12 SACE Exams
- SAPSASA Cricket Carnival
- Year 5 Camp

#### Thursday 16 November

- Year 12 SACE Exams
- SAPSASA Cricket Carnival
- Year 5 Camp
- Year 8 Caving and Surfing Camp 2
- Year 7 Mass
- Year 3 Liturgy

#### Friday 17 November

- Year 12 SACE Exams
- PE Week Concludes
- Year 5 Camp
- Year 8 Caving and Surfing Camp 2
- SE Zone Festival of Sport



## HPSP Netball Clinic with Nyah Allen

On Monday, our High Performance Sports Program students were treated to a clinic with netball superstar and old scholar, Nyah Allen.

Nyah played for the Adelaide Thunderbirds before moving into the Super Netball Series as a key player for the Collingwood Magpies.

Throughout the sessions the Year 7, 8 and 9 girls were put through a number of drills, focusing on their passes and footwork, before moving into a game simulation.

We thank Nyah for taking the time to spend with our students and passing on some of her wisdom.



## Year 8 Robe Explore Camp

Last week, our Year 8 students enjoyed an Explore Camp in Robe.

Students looked at Robe's history via historical buildings and looked at the geographic features of the coast, visited a sustainable camel camp and even tried the Robe Ice Creamery, built their own rafts along with lots of walking and exploring.

Thank you to the many staff for planning activities and helping the students to reflect on their spiritual life and deepening their connections with God.

More photos can be found on Page 8.

**TONIGHT** 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 Musical - On Tonight!

We wish the cast and crew all the very best for tonight's performance.

This morning our Year 3, 4, 5 and poplars students enjoyed the matinee performance of The Little Mermaid, with rave reviews.



## 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.



## All Souls Day

During November 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.

On Thursday 2 November, our Year 1 students honoured All Souls Day by creating an unbroken circle made of love hearts, with each heart containing the name of loved ones who are in heaven.

As the class lit the candle they gave thanks to God, who is taking care of our departed and shared special memories and prayers.



## Year 5/6 Blaze Choir Performance

On Friday 27 October, the Year 5/6 Blaze Choir performed at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre with all of the choirs from the Southeast Primary Schools Music Festival.

Leading up to the concert, we had a rehearsal with the other school's choirs on Thursday, a run through of the songs at Reidy Park last term, and our weekly choir rehearsals.

What a successful night, with the year's hard work paying off.

**Penny Mansell** | Head of Performing Arts



## The Southern Cross Newsletter

I am pleased to send you [The Southern Cross](#) newsletter and the online edition of [The Southern Cross October 2023](#).



## Blue Lake Fun Run entries - Tenison Woods College Incentive

The Blue Lake Fun Run is fast approaching with the event being held on Sunday 26 November. All courses begin at the Cave Gardens, with distances available being 3.2km, 6.8km, 10.4km and 21.1km.

While participation is individual, students are encouraged to register under Tenison Woods College with schools eligible to win a \$500 voucher. Primary School and Secondary School categories are available.

Please [click here](#) to visit the website for more information and to register.



## Old Scholars 'Where are you now' - Ron Joseph

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 continue our Old Scholars 'Where Are You Now?' we take a look at the life of Ron Joseph who has made his way through the ranks since graduating from Tenison College in 1987.

Follow this [link](#) to read Ron's Story.

We would love to know a little bit more about 'Where Are You Now?'. Follow this [link](#) for a chance to share your story.



# Year 6 Canberra Camp

Bright and early Tuesday morning, the cohort of very excited Year 6 Students departed for Canberra. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures upon their return, and wish them a safe and enjoyable camp.



**EMPLOYMENT Opportunities**  
at Tenison Woods College

TENISON WOODS COLLEGE  
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LET YOUR *light* SHINE

## 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 Outdoor Education, Health and Physical Education Teacher
- Year 7 - 10 Woodwork and/or Metal Technologies Teacher

Applications close 4:00pm Friday 17 November, 2023.

For further information and Position Information Documents, please [click here](#).

## Uniform Focus

### Hair

Hair is clean and brushed or combed to maintain a neat and tidy appearance.

Hair is of a singular natural colour and to be tied up if touching the collar of either the school shirt or school dress.

Hair length should be a minimum of a number 2 cut and hairstyles that are deemed extreme and not permitted, such as mullets of inappropriate length, rats' tails, dreadlocks, mohawks, extreme uneven grades, undercuts, or patterns shaved into the hair

Navy headband or navy or white ribbons may be worn. No facial hair is permitted.



## 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

## 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



# Grandparents and Special Friends Day



# Year 8 Explore Camp

