



Open Heart Open Arms

WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2024 WEEK 5, TERM 1

BEGINNING OF YEAR WHOLE SCHOOL LITURGY

On Thursday our school community gathered together for Liturgy, reflecting on our school theme this year, 'Open Heart, Open Arms'.

Father Peter's homily touched our hearts as he talked about how we can open our own hearts to help others, and reminded us of the power of accepting, welcoming and being compassionate towards others.

Our student leaders from across the school were blessed by Father Peter and tasked with being models of faith and service to our students, reaching out particularly to the last, the least and the lost.



From the Principal



Opening Whole School Beginning Of Year Liturgy – Open Heart, Open Arms in 2024

Thank you to all the students, staff and families who participated in our Opening Whole School Liturgy at Marist Park on Thursday 22 February. The liturgy assisted us to reflect on the College theme for 2024, “Open Heart, Open Arms.”

The theme this year encourages us to be present to others with an open, welcoming, understanding heart, and when we see a need the theme encourages us to open our arms to embrace the opportunity to make a difference.



Pam Ronan and David Mezinec at the recent Beginning Of Year Liturgy

R-12 Athletics Carnival – 28 February – 1 March, in Week 5

Well the weather thwarted the 3-6 Athletics Carnival today, but we look forward to the next two days. Our intent to create an R-12 streamlined event that richly celebrates physical fitness across the school community will continue into Week 6 with the following approach:

WEEK 5

- Thursday 29 February 9:00am - 12:30pm R-2
12:00pm - 3:00pm Year 7-12
- Friday 1 March 9:00am - 3:10pm Year 7-12

WEEK 6

RESCHEDULED YEAR 3-6 CARNIVAL

- Monday 4 March 9:00am - 3:00pm

The South East Interschool Athletics Carnival will follow on Wednesday 20 March at Marist Park, where Tenison Woods College is hosting the Carnival.

I extend a very warm welcome to parents, carers and family members to attend these carnivals to witness the athletic endeavours and also meet other families who are part of the College community. Catering will be provided for all the carnivals, so come to the College for a long lunch break from work commitments, enjoy the athletics and have a bite to eat at the same time.

Don't forget to bring a hat!



1500m 14yo Girls event held on Tuesday

Board Annual General Meeting – 27 March, 7:00pm

I remind parents and caregivers of the Annual General Meeting of the Tenison Woods College Board, which will be held Wednesday 27 March at 7:00pm in the Pam Ronan Centre. Nominations are also sought for people interested in serving on the Board this year. The associated correspondence will be sent to families next week.

The School Board is responsible for the governance of the School in the areas of policy review, financial management, pastoral care (staff, students and parents), maintenance and development and strategic planning. School Board meetings are held once a month with each member of the Board also belonging to a sub-committee, which meets between Board meetings. Elected members serve a minimum two-year term on the Board.

Parents/carers are invited and strongly encouraged to participate in the governance of the School by nominating members of the School community to the School Board.

The timeline for nominations and elections is:

- Monday, 18 March 2024 Nominations close 2.00pm
- Wednesday, 20 March 2024 Voting papers sent to parents if required
- Monday, 25 March 2024 Voting closes
- Wednesday, 27 March 2024 AGM of the School Board

Thank you for your time and attention given to the formation of the School Board for 2024.

Lenten Season and Project Compassion – For All Future Generations

Students are continuing class communal action during the Lenten season to bring about change in our world. Fundraising throughout the six weeks of Lent will contribute to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Campaign. Once again, this Lent Caritas Australia calls us to support Project Compassion under the theme of 'For All Future Generations', which is an expression of hope, and reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues.

Parents as the First Educators

At Tenison Woods College we appreciate the importance of parents and carers as the first educators of their children, realising that all we do supports their efforts or assists them to exercise their influence with greater confidence. We are also seeing the importance of grandparents in the evolving family paradigm of our society and how they are impacting on the learning, wellbeing and faith formation of our students.



Harrison McDonnell reading to his mum Shannon

I have also said on many occasions that the greatest determinant of student success at Tenison Woods College is parent involvement in their child's learning and our learning community. The literature in the area of improving student achievement repeatedly indicates that parental attitudes and behaviours are the most significant variables. Interestingly, improving student achievement, according to the data, is not dependent on more money or smaller classes, but in the hands of parents, carers and school staff who play a critical role in their children's physical, social, moral and academic development.

With this in mind, I am delighted to see parents and carers becoming involved in a variety of opportunities in our learning community. I am also thrilled to see staff teams across the school planning opportunities for parents to become increasingly involved in the learning of their young this year through some creative experiences and events. I encourage parents, grandparents and carers to accept the invitations that will be extended to them. Furthermore, I invite parents, grandparents and carers to contact me should you have ideas of how we could better involve parents, grandparents and carers in our community or support them as the first educators of our young.

Tough Barker – Saturday 2 March

The Tenison Pop Up Fitness Craze is back by aesthetic demand! After a false start, Tough Barker will pop up Saturday 2 March from 8:00am.

Forget Tough Mudder, Ninja Warrior and No Bull CrossFit Games - Tough Barker is the fitness craze that everyone is talking about!

Our Grounds Team, Justin, Andy, and Nick will be putting participants through an epic barking, sand, weeding and pruning challenge that will work the core, the abs, glutes, biceps and triceps.

The two significant focus areas remain:

1. Barking of our play areas around the MacKillop Junior School and Early Learning Centre.
2. Pruning and tidying of the garden areas at the White Avenue perimeter of College site.

At break time, participants will enjoy a sausage sizzle, abundant quenching water, hot drinks, and be able to work diligently on their orbicularis oris and zygomaticus major.

It will be a great morning: Saturday 2 March, from 8:00am until 12:00 midday.

For those who would like to sign up for the fitness sessions, at no cost to them, we ask you please register [here](#).

Please bring any gardening equipment you think could be of use: gloves, shovel, rakes, wheelbarrow, even your ute. Morning tea and refreshments will be supplied with a BBQ available from 10.00am.



One of our 2023 Working Bees - fun for the whole family!

Need a tutor? Studiosity is our free online tutoring service

I remind families that students of Tenison Woods College in Years 7-12 have access to a free online tutoring service. Students are able to connect to expert tutors for live, one-to-one conversations about homework, assignments and exam preparation from 3:00pm – 10:00pm Monday to Friday. Give it a try – I know you will appreciate the service offered by Studiosity!

God Bless,
David Meziniec | Principal



CIM Team News



The Season of Lent

The Season of Lent is the preparation time before the Season of Easter. During the 40 days of Lent, which starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday, Catholics around the world take part in fasting, prayer and almsgiving. We invite you to access this Lenten Calendar to follow the Lenten journey with your family. The calendar will help guide prayer, giving, fasting and includes links to the Sunday Gospel and Caritas Videos.

[Click here to view the Lenten Calendar](#)



Project Compassion



Throughout the six weeks of Lent, students will learn about the work of Project Compassion and how it has provided help to individuals and communities. This week we introduce Leaia who lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.



With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions. To get involved or make a donation, scan the QR code above.

2023/2024 Sacramental Program

A reminder that SESSION 2 for those currently involved in the Sacramental Program will be held this Saturday 2 March at 2pm in St Paul's Hall. We keep these children and their families in our prayers as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 11 April.

Fish Friday

Come along to our Parish's very first Fish Friday this Lent! It is an opportunity for us to get together to enjoy great company and delicious food before heading to the Stations of the Cross. It has been proven that the family that eats and prays together, stays together!

Our family dinners will take place on Fridays 1 & 15 March from 5.00-7.00pm at the Bay Road Social Club Room, Reidy Park Complex, O'Halloran Terrace. The cost will be \$18 for 2 pieces of fish, \$15 for 1 piece of fish and \$8 for children aged 8 and under. All meals come with hot chips, bread and salad. Drinks will be available for purchase on the night.

For catering purposes and dietary requirements, please book online on <https://www.trybooking.com/CPLBV> or contact the Parish Office. Don't let the cost be a hindrance for anyone to attend. Please speak to one of the priests for assistance. See you at the family dinner! Booking is now open and will close tonight, 28 February at 5.00pm.

Upcoming Events

- Week 5 - Thursday 29 Feb 9:10am Year 11 Mass Tenison Woods College Chapel
- Week 6 - Thursday 7 March 9:15am Year 7 Mass at St. Paul's Catholic Church

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator

EMPLOYMENT Opportunities at Tenison Woods College



LET YOUR *light* SHINE



Tenison Woods College is a dynamic Early Years - Year 12 Catholic co-educational College with over 1500 students. The College is situated in picturesque grounds on the outskirts of Mount Gambier, SA.

We are seeking suitably qualified staff for several positions in the following areas, to commence in Term 3, 2024 (22 July 2024).

REPLACEMENT POSITIONS:

- Junior Primary (R-2) Teacher
- Middle School (7-9) Food Technology Teacher
- Secondary School (7-12) Mathematics Teacher
- Laboratory Technician (ESO)

Applications Close 15 March at 4:00pm.

To download Position Information Document for each position (PID) please follow this link: <https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/our-college/employment>



Junior School Late Arrivals to School

If your child is arriving at school after 8.50am, please ensure that they are dropped off at the Front Office to sign into school before proceeding to class. If you need to collect your child early for an appointment, they must sign out through the Front Office before leaving the school. We thank you for your assistance.

Francesca Dickson | Head of Junior School.

Uniform Shop

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

The Uniform Shop will be open from 8:00-9:30am on Wednesday 28 February, due to the 3-6 Sports Day. Please call before 9:30am!

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

Kylie Watson | Uniform Shop




R-2 Sports Day



SHINEfm Podcast

Tune in this week as one of our Sports Journalism classes catches up with our excited R-2 students, as they prepare for a fun filled morning tomorrow down at Marist Park beginning at 9:00am.

Listen on Spotify: <https://shorturl.at/xzDK6>

Listen on our Website: <https://shorturl.at/bqA24>



Catholic Co-Ed Swimming Carnival

Last week a young squad travelled to Adelaide to compete in the twilight Catholic Co-Ed Swimming Carnival. Our students represented the College with pride, swimming fast and jumping in the pool for multiple events. Our squad captains Mikaela and Louise kept the crew organised pool side.

Thank you to our sports administration team for organising the trip, families who made the journey to watch their children race, Nick Patzel, Lisa Goodfellow who chaperoned and Vaughn Stratford who helped time keep.



Music Success and SACE Credits for Gabe Strachan

Gabe Strachan was selected as the South Australia / Northern Territory recipient of the Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) prize for Grade 7 Piano and recently performed at Elder Hall at the University of Adelaide. Congratulations on a fantastic result!

In November of last year, Gabe (who was in Year 8 at the time) was awarded 10 SACE Stage 1 credits and 10 SACE stage 2 credits that are now contributing to his SACE certificate.

Over several years, Gabe successfully completed his (AMEB) piano exams for Grade 5 (completed in 2020 in Junior School) and Grade 7 (completed in 2023 in Middle School).

AMEB exams are a SACE recognised community developed program and SACE credits can be awarded once approved by the SACE Board.

Anyone who completes certain Grade 5 or higher AMEB exams on any instrument / voice, can obtain SACE credits for acknowledgement of their hard work.

Why not explore this option further and get SACE credits accumulating before you study a Year 11 or 12 subject?



Upcoming Key Dates

Week 5

Thursday 29 February

- R-2 Sports Day | Marist Park, 9:00am
- Year 7-12 Sports Day | Marist Park, 12:00pm

Friday 1 March

- Year 7-12 Sports Day | Marist Park, 9:00am

Saturday 2 March

- Tenison Woods College Working Bee 8:00am
- Sacrament Family Session 2 | St. Pauls, 2:00pm

Week 6

Monday 4 March

- Year 3-6 Sports Day | Marist Park, 9:00am
- Stage 2 Kayaking Expedition

Tuesday 5 March

- Stage 2 Kayaking Expedition

Wednesday 6 March

- Twilight Tour | 5:45pm
- Stage 2 Kayaking Expedition

Thursday 7 March

- Year 7 St Paul's Church Visit 9:00am
- Stage 2 Kayaking Expedition

Friday 8 March

- Year 4-6 Assembly | MacKillop Junior School, 2:05pm
- Year R-1 Assembly | MacKillop Junior School, 2:40pm
- Stage 2 Kayaking Expedition

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.

If you have any questions regarding the Qkr! App, please contact Jess Hering at herj@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

Leanne Sandow | Canteen Manager



SPORTS WEEK STARTS WITH A BANG!

Students from Years 7-12 have participated in the 1500m event over the past two days. Well done to all those who had a go and gave it their best. Thank you to all of the founder leaders, helpers and PE staff for the great support to ensure the events went smoothly!





Tenison Woods College 2024 Junior School Sports Days

When R-2 Thursday 29 Feb
3-6 *NEW DATE*
Monday 4 March

Where Marist Park



R-2 SPORTS DAY - THURSDAY FEBRUARY 29

R-2 students to meet at school then walk to Marist Park with teachers

TIME	Reception	Reception	Year 1	Year 1	Year 2	Year 2
9:00am	Rob the Nest	Tug of War	Sack Race	Fancy dress relay	Three-legged Race	Water Relay
9:25am	Three-legged Race	Water Relay	Rob the Nest	Tug of War	Sack Race	Fancy dress relay
9:50am	Sack Race	Fancy dress relay	Three-legged Race	Water Relay	Rob the Nest	Tug of War

Recess 10:15am

	RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2
10:30am	60m Sprint	Long Jump	Shot Put
10:55am	Long Jump	Vortex Throw	60m sprint
11:20am	Vortex Throw	60m Sprint	Long Jump

Finish at 11:45am with the progressive relay starting at 12:00pm



3-6 SPORTS DAY *NEW DATE* MONDAY 4 MARCH

3-6 students to meet at Marist Park

	8 YO	9YO	10YO	11YO	12YO
9:30am	Sprint (100m)	Novelty	Shot Put	Long Jump	Sprint (100m)
10:00am	Long Jump	Vortex Throw	Sprint (100m)	Novelty	Discus
10:30	Discus	Long Jump	Novelty	Sprint (100m)	Shot Put
RECESS - 11:00am - 11:20am					
11:30am	200m	Sprint (100m)	Long Jump	Discus	200m
12:00pm	Vortex Throw	Shot Put	Discus	200m	Long Jump
12:30pm	Shot Put	Discus	200m	High Jump	Novelty
1:00pm	Novelty	200m	Vortex Throw	Shot Put	High Jump
Lunch - 1:30pm - 2:00pm					
2:00pm	Optional 400m and 800m	Optional 400m and 800m	Optional 400m and 800m	Optional 400m and 800m	Optional 400m and 800m
2:30pm	Age group relay 100m	Age group relay 100m	Age group relay 100m	Age group relay 100m	Age group relay 100m
	3:00pm			Finish/Pack Up	





[CLICK HERE FOR PROGRAM](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR 7-12 CANTEEN MENU](#)

2024 TENISON WOODS COLLEGE 7-12 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thursday February 29

12pm - 3:30pm

Friday March 1

8:30am - 3:30pm

THEME: ICONIC GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS





NEXT WEEK!

Wednesday 6 March, 5:30pm for a 5:45pm start

TWILIGHT TOUR



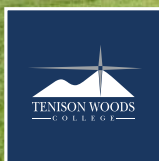
Our 2024 Twilight Tour is open to all prospective families, with two tour options available:

Junior School Focus | Middle/Senior School Focus

We ask that you please register your attendance via our website or Facebook page or via this link: tenison.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/twilight-tour

RECENTLY OPENED

Our New MacKillop Junior School Years 1 - 6



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WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2024 | WEEK 5, TERM 1

ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR - AGRICULTURE

During Week 4 in Agriculture, our Year 10 students were at animal behaviour. The students headed to Rohan farm and looked into how different animals act in different situations.

As students are completing a unit on animal behaviour, they were tasked with identifying behaviours of horses and ponies, and will move onto sheep and cattle.

Our Year 9 students have started to create sheep yards and are looking at the parameters surrounding effective sheep handling.

Lewis Lean | Agriculture Teacher



YEAR 5 SWIMMING LESSONS

Last week our Year 5 students embraced swimming lessons, learning not only essential water safety skills but also resilience, teamwork, and confidence as they navigate through challenges stroke by stroke.

