



Open Heart Open Arms

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 2024 , WEEK 9, TERM 1

HARMONY DAY 2024

On Thursday, our wonderful Student Leaders assisted in handing out stickers and ribbons in celebration of Harmony Day with students making pledges to include others, to treat everyone with respect, to make sure everyone feels like they belong and to celebrate and enjoy other cultures. Our Reception Students were delighted to see their Year 12 Buddies who joined them for some Harmony Day craft activities, and our Early Learning and Community Centre Children were joined by our Year 11 Students who celebrated Harmony Day with some play time!

Lunchtime witnessed our students coming together to engage in various activities to celebrate inclusivity, and respect for all cultures, backgrounds, and traditions.

From a Soccer match, to bake sales, bubble tea, inclusive art work, face painting, scavenger hunt and dance - Harmony Day provided a space for our students and staff to learn, appreciate, and celebrate diversity.



From the Principal



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 this evening, Wednesday 27 March at 7:00pm in the Pam Ronan Centre Lecture Theatre.

As part of the evening, Jason de Nys will speak about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how we can harness it in the education of our young.

The Tenison Woods College Board is comprised of members from the school community, parish community and staff. It is an advisory group that oversees the strategic planning, financial management and policy ratification for the College Community.

During 2023, the President of the Tenison Woods College Board was Father Peter Zwaans.

The efforts throughout 2023 have been greatly appreciated, especially through the work of Board Sub-Committees:

- Finance Committee
- Building, Grounds and Asset Management Committee
- Faith, Wellbeing & Health Committee
- ELCC & OSHC Advisory Committee
- Friends of Tenison Committee

2023 Board

Members who were due to retire from the Board and have sought re-election are:

- Peta Baverstock (renominate)
- Linda Carter-Shepherd (renominate)
- Lisa Hogan (renominate)
- Amy Turnbull (Staff Representative)

Continuing Members:

- Aleathia Holland
- Peter Holmes
- Jim Cornolo
- Jennie Sanderson - Parish Pastoral Council Representative
- Fran Scanlon – Early Learning Representative

Ex-Officio (non-voting) Board Representatives include:

- Father Peter Zwaans – President
- David Meziniec – Principal/Executive Officer
- Michelle Coote – Deputy Principal
- Neal Turley – Business Manager
- Mary de Nys – Minute Secretary
- Trudi Dempsey – WHS Coordinator

Retiring Members:

Both Matthew Gazzard and Chris Ind elected to retire from the Board at the beginning of the year. We thank both Matthew and Chris for their significant service to the Board and sub-committees.

New Members:

We accepted nominations from the following community members:

- Peta Baverstock (renominate)
- Linda Carter-Shepherd (renominate)
- Amy Cooper
- Shayne Haggis
- Lisa Hogan (renominate)
- Chanda Sagar
- Amy Turnbull (Staff Representative nominate)
- James Roughana (Staff Representative)

Following a voting process verified by President Father Peter Zwaans, we welcome Peta Baverstock, Linda Carter-Shepherd, Shayne Haggis, Lisa Hogan and Chanda Sagar to the Board and welcome Amy Cooper to the Faith, Health & Wellbeing sub-committee.

We also welcome Amy Turnbull and James Roughana as joint Staff Representatives.

Open Heart and Open Arms During Holy Week – A Celebration of Life and Love

We look with anticipation to the Easter Triduum (a period of three days' observance, specifically Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) which begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. We remember the night before his suffering and death when Jesus gathered to celebrate the Passover Meal with his apostles.

The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning are celebrated in our churches across the region and in the afternoon we celebrate the Lord's Passion in both St Paul's and St Alphonsus' churches. We are reminded that Good Friday is a day of both abstinence (refraining from eating meat) and fasting (eating less food).

There is no Mass on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil. At our Masses on Easter Sunday, we renew our Baptisms and are blessed with the Easter water before receiving Holy Communion.

The celebrations of Holy Week help us appreciate the nature of Easter joy and can be found [here](#).

Clocking up the K's for Caritas

Thank you to students and staff who participated in the annual annual Caritas K's Event - Walk for Compassion on Tuesday 26 March. Students and staff were invited to join the walk at various times throughout the day. The Caritas K's event highlights the amount of walking completed in developing countries for school, water, food and access to health care.

This was a whole school casual clothes day, with gold coin donations being collected in Homegroup in the morning. Donations will go straight to our Project Compassion campaign, supporting Caritas Australia.



Three way Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences - Conversations About Learning

Our three way conversations commenced this Tuesday, providing valuable opportunities for the teacher, student, parents and/or carers to share and learn more about the student socially, emotionally and academically, while at the same time facilitating increased student agency and responsibility. As such, students are asked to attend all conferences with their parents/carers and teachers. The 7-12 Conferences will occur Tuesday 26 March or Wednesday 3 April, while the R-6 conferences will take place Thursday 4 April and Tuesday 9 April.

Care on the Shepherdson Road Driveway

I remind the community that speed on the Shepherdson Driveway and throughout the school is 15km per hour.

Cars overtaking stationary cars on the College two-way roads with oncoming cars from other direction does create a significant safety concern.

Anything you can do to assist in caring for the safety of all in our community would be greatly appreciated.



God Bless,
David Meziniec | Principal



Celebrating Journey and Legacy

Friday 12 April, 2024

Celebrating with gratitude and hope-filled excitement for the future.

The Tenison Woods College community is excited about gathering for a celebration of journey and legacy on **12 April, 2024**.

We will gather to formally open and bless recent building developments by The Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan DD, Archbishop of Adelaide. These developments include:

- Early Learning & Community Centre extension
- MacKillop Reception Community Centre
- MacKillop Junior School Building
- Gilap Wanga Middle School precinct - (Ngula wangingi mraata ba wangingyi) Learning Community including the Poplars Inclusion Unit

These formal openings and blessings offer us an opportunity to acknowledge the story of Catholic Education in Mount Gambier on Boandik land, that dates back to Father Julian Tenison Woods and Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop with her Sisters of St Joseph in the 1860's. We also celebrate the contribution of the Sisters of Mercy from 1880 and the Marist Brothers from 1931.

Tenison Woods College stands on the shoulders of the early school communities, St Theresa's, St. Aloysius College for Girls, St Joseph's Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, St Paul's Parish School, Mater Christi College, St Paul's Primary School, St. Mary's Primary School East Gambier, Marist Agricultural College, Tenison College and Tenison Woods College. Each community was inspired by their faith and the hope of a preferred future for their young as thriving people, capable learners, and leaders for the world God desires.

The College is now named in honour of the pioneering Priest, Scientist, Orator and Researcher, Father Julian Tenison Woods, whose shared vision with Mother Mary MacKillop laid the foundations for the Catholic education system in this state and across the nation. Together with Catherine McAuley and Marcellin Champagnat, Father Julian Tenison Woods and Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop are acknowledged as our College founders and are celebrated in a variety of ways, and not least our College Houses: Champagnat (green), McAuley (red), Woods (yellow) and MacKillop (blue).

Today, as the College grows, we have collaboratively decided to acknowledge our founders in the sub-school communities and zones of the school. The Early Learning and Community Centre introduces our children to the founders by naming the studios for our three year old children as Woods and Champagnat, while the Stepping Stones (Kindy) rooms are known as the MacKillop and McAuley studios.

The MacKillop Junior School, including the MacKillop Reception Learning Community, accentuates a place of family, hearth ministry and invitation to the table, a hallmark of Josephite education.

Champagnat Middle School emphasizes the 'becoming' of adolescence, rites of passage and loving the adolescent unconditionally. This community includes 7-8 Gilap Wanga - Ngula wangingi mraata ba wangingyi Learning Community, pays homage to our Boandik ancestors, is a place of listening to and being at one with self, others and the environment.

Woods Senior School acknowledges Father Julian Tenison Woods' passion for science and ecology, with an inquisitive and innovative respect for God's creation.

The McAuley Student / Family Services Centre puts the accent on welcome and discerning stewardship, with compassion for justice and a preferential support for those in need.

On 12 April we will celebrate all those who have been animated by their faith and the inspiration of our God through the good works of our founders. We look forward to welcoming former principals, staff members, committed former school community members and parishioners to celebrate with gratitude the shoulders on which we stand, and look forward with hope and excitement at our plans for the future.

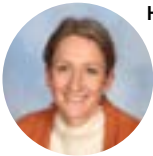
As we celebrate the legacy that has shaped the iterations of the college over its 144 year history, we invite our community to gather and acknowledge the contributions of families, staff and parishioners on this special day. As we look back with gratitude we also look forward with faith-filled hope and excitement.

Formal proceedings will commence at 10.00am in the Barrie Holmes Stadium and we look forward to celebrating the shoulders on which we stand and our efforts for our young through the evolution of our College community.

David Mezinac | Principal



CIM Team News



Holy Week

Holy Week is a time of reflection and remembrance of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. During this important week, Christians participate in various traditions and ceremonies such as Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday. As we journey this week, let's take some time this week to reflect on and think about what these events mean to us.

The Stations of the Cross are a beautiful, traditional practice for Christians to take part in during the Lenten Season. We recall and meditate on the events of the Passion of Christ and are reminded of all the Jesus endured for our redemption, and how deeply he loves us. Stations of Cross are held in each of the Parishes on Good Friday and have been reflected upon by our students throughout this week.

Please head to the Tenison Woods College Facebook page to see how our students have been engaging with and praying over the events of Holy Week.

Caritas K's- Casual Clothes and Coins

We extend our thanks for your generous support of this event. The event was a big success! Raising awareness amongst participants of the challenges faced by people in our global community and raising awareness of the transformative work of Caritas Australia. It was great to see compassion in action. Classes arrived at various intervals throughout the day to do their laps. They were greeted by student leaders and staff. In the explanation of the day, students were tasked with challenges to complete each lap to highlight the difficulties faced by those in marginalised communities. This meant walkers carried water, sorted through recyclable materials, and were encouraged to do as many laps as they could to really engage in solidarity. Well done to everyone involved.

Project Compassion

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, Project Compassion will begin to draw to a close. We thank all staff, students and families who have given generously to this appeal for Caritas through fundraising at school, in classes or in homes. Anyone wishing to make an online donation is encouraged to go to the Tenison Woods College page on the Caritas fundraising page.



Easter Eggs

Please keep in mind as we continue to approach the Easter season, that we are in Holy Week until Easter Sunday, celebrated on 31 March. The themes during this time are *PRAYER, FASTING AND GIVING*. On Easter Sunday, we move into the joyful season of Easter which is 50 days of *CELEBRATING*. The giving of Easter Eggs is discouraged until Easter Sunday when we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.

Upcoming Events Masses and Liturgies in the Tenison Woods College Chapel

Mass takes place every Thursday at 9:10 am in our school chapel, with a different year level preparing for and attending the Mass each week. R-3 Liturgies take place once each term. We welcome family and community members to attend. The upcoming roster is:

- Week 9 - No Mass held at TWC during Holy Week
- Week 10 - Joy Week Activities
Thursday 4 April 9:10am - Year 8 Mass
- Week 11 - Friday 12 April 10am- Whole School Liturgy (BHS)

FROM THE PARISH

Holy Week and Easter Timetable

Please see below the Holy Week and Easter timetable for the Mount Gambier Parish. We encourage all families to celebrate all our Holy Week and Easter ceremonies.

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

ST PAUL'S, MT GAMBIER

PALM SUNDAY

SAT 23 MARCH 6PM MASS
SUN 24 MARCH 11AM MASS

25 MARCH 9AM MASS
27 MARCH 6PM MASS

HOLY THURSDAY

28 MARCH 5:30-6:30PM CONFESSIONS
7PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
CHURCH OPEN UNTIL MIDNIGHT

GOOD FRIDAY

29 MARCH 11AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
3PM LORD'S PASSION
4-5PM CONFESSIONS

HOLY SATURDAY

30 MARCH 7PM EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY

31 MARCH 11AM MASS

[CLICK HERE](#) for Regional Holy Week Mass Services



ELCC learns about Jesus and the Easter Story

At the ELCC, the children have been learning about Jesus's resurrection and the Easter Story. We read the story 'He Is Risen' and then the children were invited to re-create the story using natural items like stones, sticks, pebbles, and leaves. This created a unique and innovative insight to the story of Easter.

Frances Scanlon | Early Learning & Community Centre Director



2024 Music Camp Report

Music Camp 2024 was held at Portland Bay View Lodge. Music Students ranging from Years 7 to 12 enjoyed a collaborative 3-day camp which brought us together as a music group. The theme for this year's camp was Pitch Perfect. Everyone was placed in a group of 6 which was based around the theme Pitch Perfect with teams like the 'Barden Bellas' and best of all the 'Treble Makers'.

During the day, time was spent rehearsing our music, collaborating, and engaging in teamwork activities and games. We enjoyed the delightful weather and overall having fun being in each other's company. A real highlight of the camp was the team theme songs where each group was given half an hour to produce their best team chant.

Wednesday night also saw a team activity that involved decorating a plain white T-Shirt to match each group's theme. The winner of this challenge was none other than the High Notes. Thanks to Lachlan Moss who took out the win for the best T-shirt walk.

To showcase our talents and hard work over the three days, we firstly had an in-house concert on Thursday night performing for the staff and students who attended the camp. This was a fun way for all students to show each other what they had been working on during the camp. Thursday night also saw a camp talent show where students could highlight their instrumental and vocal prowess with great performances from all participants. Secondly, we were grateful to be able to perform in the Anglican Church in Portland on the Friday morning with church parishioners and Bayview College Students watching our performances.

By the end, all ensembles were able to perform their pieces to a remarkably high standard meaning the camp was successful. It is important to note that the Senior Vocal Ensemble and Showband are going to be representing Tenison Woods College at Generations in Jazz in May.

This year we decided to have a camper of the year. This student showed great leadership and stepped up in his ensemble, a standout from this student was the Thursday concert where he stepped up and led the Thunder drum corps. The camper of the year was Bryan Van Zyl - a well-deserved title.

This was a great music camp, and everyone had an enjoyable time. We truly bonded and worked as a team throughout the three days on camp.

Erykah and Will | Music Leaders 2024



Upcoming Key Dates

Week 9

Thursday 28 March

- Holy Thursday
- SE Primary Schools Music Festival | Reidy Park Primary School
- R-6 Early Finish | 2:15pm
- 7-12 Early Finish | 2:20pm

Friday 29 March

- Good Friday | Public Holiday

Week 10

Monday 1 April

- Easter Monday | Public Holiday
- Joy Week

Tuesday 2 April

- Joy Week
- SAPSASA District Golf Day | Penola
- Year 7-11 South East Zone Golf | Attumurra Golf Club

Wednesday 3 April

- Joy Week
- Stage 1 Drama Rehearsals 'Teen'
- 3-Way Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences | Years 7-12

Weekly Uniform Focus

Winter Uniform

If the temperature is forecast to be below 23 degrees students may wear winter uniform. In preparation for the cooler weather we ask that families ensure skirts are below knee length and adjust if required.

Winter Uniform includes:

- Tenison Woods College navy v-neck knitted jumper (optional for Years 3-6)
- Tenison Woods College skirt - compulsory for Years 7-12
- Tenison Woods College monogrammed charcoal pants
- Tenison Woods College monogrammed charcoal shorts (optional)

Years 3-6 only:

- Tenison Woods College navy polar fleece vest
- Tenison Woods College navy polar fleece jumper

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



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

The uniform shop will be trading in the second week of the school holidays:

Tuesday 23 April
9am – 2pm

Wednesday 24 April
9am – 2pm





Academy of Hospitality Students Gain Industry Experience

On Friday 22 March, a group of 18 students from our Year 10 Academy of Hospitality VET Certificate 2 classes were invited to assist with catering and service operations at The Mount Gambier Gold Cup Racing Carnival.

Students divided into 2 service teams with an all-male team assisting in the Scott's Pavilion undertaking food preparation and service tasks, students also served a 2-course lunch to the Mount Gambier Racing Club contingent of 150 diners.

Students were congratulated on their appearance, professionalism and representation of Tenison Woods College with participation in the event being included as a competency-based assessment task towards completion of industry hours for certification.

Congratulations to all students who volunteered to assist on the day and many thanks to The Scott Group of Companies and The Mount Gambier Racing Club for your sponsorship, offering students the opportunity to develop our skills in a professional environment.

Jen McCourt | VET Academy of Hospitality Teacher



SAPSASA District Athletics Day

The grounds of Mt Gambier High School recently played host to the District SAPSASA Athletics event for 2024, where students from various schools gathered to showcase their athletic talent. Among the participants, Tenison Woods College stood out with an impressive turnout, bringing along 62 students eager to demonstrate their skills on the track and field.

Tenison Woods College athletes truly made their mark, with many achieving commendable results and securing podium finishes. While the official results are yet to be announced, it's certain that the college will have numerous placegetters to celebrate.

Beyond the thrill of competition, the day was also a testament to the importance of sportsmanship and camaraderie. Students exhibited exemplary behaviour, showing respect for their fellow competitors and officials alike. Their dedication, discipline, and positive attitude were truly commendable, reflecting the values instilled by their school community.

None of this would have been possible without the tireless support of teachers and parents who accompanied the students to the event. Their encouragement, guidance, and logistical assistance were instrumental in ensuring the smooth running of the day. Their presence underscored the importance of parental and educational support in nurturing young talent and fostering a love for sports.

As we eagerly await the official results, let us extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the students who represented Tenison Woods College with pride and sportsmanship. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed, and you have made your school community proud.

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator



2023 Academy of Hospitality Students Celebrate Graduation

Students graduating from the *Academy of Hospitality Class of 2023* celebrated their hard work and enthusiasm over 2 years of training, by sharing a morning tea and ceremony in the Sugarloaf Café in Week 8.

Students have trained in the Tenison Woods College VET Certificate II Hospitality program commencing their studies in 2022. Students gaining their assessed hours of competency across many contexts including: Community engagement opportunities, regular scheduled preparation and service sessions in the Sugarloaf Café and participation in many College catering activities.

Students should be very proud of their individual achievements and personal growth over the last 2 years, their outstanding efforts have allowed them to show their capacity as industry professionals with an awareness of strong work ethic and practice. Congratulations to you all!

Jen McCourt | VET Academy of Hospitality Teacher



Student Leaders attend Embrace Kids Convention

On Tuesday, the Year 6 Leaders, Wellbeing Leaders and the Mission Leaders went to a Wellbeing convention called 'Embrace Kids'. The Embrace Kids convention taught us about self-compassion, diversity, body image and our diets. We all watched a documentary about body positivity, racial diversity and self-love. We also learnt how to deal with anger in different ways, like writing a letter to yourself, keeping a diary or doing a visualization. Another thing that we learned, is that we are not alone - there are always trusted adults and local services like Headspace, Lifeline, Kids Helpline and the Butterfly Foundation.

James Allen | Year 6 Junior Wellbeing Leader



Students Gain Insight at Horticulture Workshop

Last week the Certificate II in Horticulture class participated in a propagation and planting workshop with Cindy Bunt at the Post and Rail. This excursion was funded by a grant the College was successful in gaining last year, from OneFortyOne.

The students learnt how to propagate plants and seeds, with the take home message of "Have a go, the worst that can happen is it doesn't grow."

The skills students learnt will help them develop the edible indigenous garden here at the College, and to collect the seeds from the plants we grow to share with our school community.

The students were very impressed with Cindy's entrepreneurial drive and her ability to value-add her love of plants, cooking and painting into a thriving business.

Bernadette Fisher | Horticulture Teacher



Students attend University Expo

On Wednesday 21 March, 28 Year 12 students attended a University Expo at the Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre. The session commenced with a presentation covering accommodation options, application dates and portals, and pathways. Students were then able to speak to university representatives, including Deakin University, Monash University, La Trobe University, Victoria University, and the University of Tasmania in addition to the three South Australian universities – Adelaide, University of South Australia and Flinders. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to ask about course options and learn what each university had to offer, with many students excited by overseas study options, paid placements and campus life. Leaving with a haul of brochures (and lollipops), students have plenty to review in the coming weeks.

This event follows on from the University of Adelaide visiting Tenison Woods College in the same week and speaking with students one-on-one and making a presentation. The next visit will be from Flinders University on 30 May where one-on-one appointments are available, followed by a lunch time presentation. Students are strongly encouraged to attend these events.

Jody Elliott | Careers Coordinator



Early Learning and Community Centre visits Boandik Lodge

Last week, our Early Learning & Community Centre children visited Boandik Lodge. Together, the Boandik residents and our ELCC children sang songs, read books, coloured Easter drawings, and got creative with paper crafts. It was heartwarming to see the residents and children bond and enjoy each other's company. Moments like these truly bring joy and connection to our community.

Frances Scanlon | Early Learning & Community Centre Director



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



Seeking Volunteers For Friends Of Music Committee

Friends of Music is a committee for anybody interested in supporting the music program at Tenison Woods College. We generally meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm onsite in the music building at Tenison Woods College.

As a member of Friends Of Music, you could take on various roles i.e. helping out at concerts, assisting to fundraise. Please feel free to contact Kathleen Finney (outgoing Chairperson) on kafflight@hotmail.com.au if you would like to join the team!

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 Herring at herrj@tenison.catholic.edu.au.



Leanne Sandow | Canteen Manager

DISTRICT SAPSASA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

HOSTED BY MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL



ACADEMY OF HOSPITALITY AT THE RACES

YEAR 10 STUDENTS ASSISTING AT THE MOUNT GAMBIER GOLD CUP



CARITAS K'S





Celebration of Journey & Legacy

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE:

- Early Learning & Community Centre extension
- MacKillop Reception Community Centre
- MacKillop Junior School Building
- Gilap Wanga Learning Community - *Ngula wangingi mraata ba wanginyi*, including the Poplars Inclusion Unit

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