



# Open Heart Open Arms

WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2024 , WEEK 10, TERM 1

## JOY WEEK 2024

This week for Joy Week, students have been celebrating the 'Risen Christ' and reflecting on how Easter is a time of new life and the importance of taking time to reflect on how we can make our life 'new'.

Let's carry the spirit of Easter's triumph with us as we embark on the Easter Season, spreading love, kindness and joy wherever we go.



## From the Principal



### Open Heart and Open Arms During Joy Week

Father Peter captures the dawn of Easter joy with insightful nuance in the Parish Bulletin this week.

He indicates:

*"But this new day is also the dawn of new hope! The light of the rising sun breaks into the darkness of the tomb and exposes it – it is empty, hollow, a husk, a shell. The tomb is open; the Son has risen, and it is a new day! This is the true beauty of Easter. It is the dawn of new hope because nothing can finally hold us captive – not even the grave!"*

*Perhaps we are walking in darkness - so much of the world is. But as we look East and as we celebrate Easter, we can see the black night giving way to the blue of this new day. The signs of the dawn of Easter revive our hope and remind us that the Son is rising! There is still much darkness around, but the night loses its grip, and with it, its power to terrify us. Pontius Pilate, the chief priests, the crowd, the scourge, the cross, the nails, the grave – we need fear nothing! Our Easter hope! I pray that the light of the rising Son will dispel the darkness of terror and fear in our hearts so that we may rejoice with these women at the empty tomb of Christ."*

In all our Easter Masses we were invited to renew our Baptismal promises. Here we symbolically die with Christ so as to rise with him to new life. At this time we consciously and deliberately renew our commitment to Christ and his way of life as we renew our Baptisms.

From Easter Sunday we are in the season of Easter for 50 days, so gift and enjoy those Easter Eggs to celebrate the joy of Easter; the joy to which we are all invited.

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

Our three way conversations commenced last 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 last 7-12 Conference is being held this afternoon, while the R-6 conferences will take place Thursday 4 April and Tuesday 9 April.

### Enrolment of Students

I am very pleased to see that the College is experiencing significant demand in relation to enrolments. To assist with our medium and long-term planning I encourage parents to lodge an enrolment form with the school as soon as they have made a decision to enrol their child at the school.

For some families this decision is made very early in the newborn's life and contacting the school at this time, no matter how early it may seem, will assist us to plan in the best possible way for your child's experience of education in our College community. Should you wish to discuss this further please contact our College Registrar, Tracey Davey (tel. 87255455, or [davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au)).

### 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 Mezinec | Principal

# Celebrating Journey and Legacy

Friday 12 April, 2024

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



Students in a classroom at the St. Joseph's, Convent of Mercy Mount Gambier 1914.



The Tenison Woods College community is excited about gathering for a celebration of journey and legacy on **Friday 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 wangi mraata ba wanginyi) 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.

As we reflect on the many iterations of Catholic Education in Mount Gambier we celebrate the passion as well as optimism of communities and their commitment to the development of their young.

During the 1980's, a period that was characterised by high interest rates and some years of recession, challenged the

enrolments at Tenison College, inspiring an enthusiastic group of parents to marshal their forces and volunteer their talents to build what is now known as the Barrie Holmes Stadium. This allowed Tenison to compete with facilities being offered at other Mount Gambier Schools.

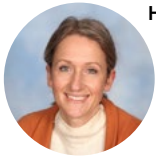
Such expansive approach and hope-filled commitment to serving the families of our region has seen the amalgamation of Saint Paul's Primary School and Tenison College to create Tenison Woods College. Such service has extended to the creation of Out of School Hours Care facilities and an Early Learning and Community Centre.

On 12 April we are not just celebrating the opening of further buildings at Tenison Woods College, but we are celebrating a charism of service to our community; a charism that expresses the legacy of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Father Julian Tenison Woods, Venerable Catherine McAuley and Saint Marcellin Champagnat. Such charism inspires us all to be teachers and all to be learners, with an inquisitive respect for God's creation, that inspires us to never see a need without doing something about it. Our stewardship of self, others and the environment is characterised by a hearth side by side ministry that meets others at their journey point, and through love and connection we work with compassion for social justice.

This is our story, our legacy and our charism that will be richly celebrated when we gather next week

David Mezinec | Principal

# CIM Team News



## Happy Easter!

Easter is the greatest celebration in the Catholic church. The Easter season lasts for 50 days.

Last week our students were led through a reflection on the events of Holy Week during morning chapel services, prayer and classroom activities. We took the opportunity to pause and consider how we can be kind, loving and strong even when we feel that things are not so good. This week, our students gather to celebrate the 'Risen Christ' and reflect on how Easter is a time of new life and the importance of taking time to reflect on how we can make our life 'new'. As we embark on the Easter Season, our challenge and hope is to spread love, kindness and joy wherever we go.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

On Thursday 11 April, the students enrolled in the 2023-2024 Sacramental Program will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. This will take place at 7:00pm at St Paul's Church, followed by shared supper in the hall.

There are 15 children preparing to receive their Sacraments. We keep all of these children and their families in our prayers as they continue preparations. We especially keep in mind our Tenison Woods College students: Scarlett Pilven, Molly Heesemans, Moe Htway, Chloe Stratford, Oksana Irishura, Xavier Mugavin, David Beaufort, Joseph Dikete, and Lucy Queale.

## Project Compassion

Project Compassion is now drawing 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.



## Upcoming Events

Week 10 - Joy Week Activities

Thursday 4 April 9:10am – Year 8 Mass

Week 11 - Friday 12 April 10am- Whole School Liturgy (BHS) 'Celebration of Journey and Legacy'

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator

# 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 [herj@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:herj@tenison.catholic.edu.au).



Leanne Sandow | Canteen Manager



# Upcoming Key Dates

## Week 10

### Wednesday 3 April

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

### Thursday 4 April

- Joy Week
- Year 8 Fit for Life Bowling (Lindner) | 1:30 - 3:00pm
- 3-Way Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences | Years R-6

### Friday 4 April

- Joy Week
- Year 4A and Year 4D Pumping Station Excursion | 9:00am - 10:30pm

## Week 11

### Monday 8 April

- Year 11/12 Knockout Tennis Finals | Adelaide
- SAPSASA State Swimming Championships | Adelaide

### Tuesday 9 April

- Year 11/12 Knockout Tennis Finals | Adelaide
- 3-Way Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences Years R-6 | MacKillop Centre

### Wednesday 10 April

- Holy Mass, 6:00pm | St Paul's Church

### Thursday 11 April

- SAPSASA Boys AFL Trials
- Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, 7:00pm | St Paul's Church

### Friday 12 April

- Blessing and Opening of Tenison Woods College Buildings
- R-6 Early Finish, 2:15pm
- Years 7-12 Early Finish 2:20pm
- End of Term 1



# Molly Opperman Cycling Success

Congratulations to our very own Year 8 student, Molly Opperman who has ridden to success, medalling at her first national competition in Queensland. Molly claimed bronze in the U15 Women's Match Sprint at the 2024 AusCycling Junior Track National Championships at the Anna Meares Velodrome in Brisbane.

Congratulations to Molly from the Tenison Woods College community and to one of her fantastic coaches and team mechanic, HPE Teacher, Che Thomas!





## Pathways into Agriculture

On Tuesday, the Year 9 and 10 Agriculture classes had Clare Jenkin come in and provide students with information around pathways into agriculture and how her journey was unconventional into the agriculture industry. Clare's journey was showcased to the students and was an insight into how university studies can provide opportunities for employment within the South East.

We thank Clare for giving up her time to highlight her journey, and inform students of ways to further their studies in agriculture.

**Lewis Lean** | Middle School Global Perspectives Teacher



## 79th Annual Interschool Athletics Records and Results

The final results from the recent Interschool Athletics Carnival were:

Tension Woods College overall champions on 713.5 points.  
 Bordertown High School - 629.5 points  
 St Martins Lutheran College - 602.5 points  
 Grant High School - 588 points  
 Naracoorte High School - 581.5 points  
 Mount Gambier High School - 431.5 points  
 Penola High School - 266 points

Records:

14 Yr Male Discus Record of 39.32m equaled by Hamish  
 12 Yr Female 400m Record of 1:09.01 set by Sophie Pearce

A big thank you to the Tension Woods College community for their support in hosting the Interschool Athletics Carnival after 9 years. Special thanks to the staff, grounds team, IT, PR, Timor Leste group, and hospitality for their invaluable contributions. We couldn't have done it without you all!

**Kaitlin Egan** | 7-12 Sports Coordinator

## 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:

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

Years 3-6 only:

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

**Tania Sigley** | Director of Wellbeing



## Mount Gambier Pop-up Blood Donor Centre

Got a bit of time this April & May? Time to give blood and change lives?

1 in 3 people visiting Mount Gambier will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. We're rolling into Mount Gambier on the 29 April to 2 May at the Mount Gambier Bowls Club, 172 Commercial St West.

Don't forget to pre-book your spot at [donateblood.com.au](https://donateblood.com.au), on our app or on 13 14 95.

**Mount Gambier Pop-up Blood Donor Centre**  
 29 April to 2 May

<b>Monday 29 April</b>	<b>11.30 pm - 5 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 30 April</b>	<b>8.30 am - 7.30 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 1 May</b>	<b>8.30 am - 7.30 pm</b>
<b>Thursday 2 May</b>	<b>10 am - 2.30 pm</b>





## Pioneers Kick Off 2024 Season

Tenison Woods College would like to wish good luck to our talented student athletes and staff members who kick off their season with the Mount Gambier Pioneers this weekend with a double header on the road against the Sandringham Sabres and Waverley Falcons.

The athletes named in the squad include Oscar Marr-McGuire, Cara Nulty, Macca Burke, Ava Collins, Poppy Venn, Claire Mitchell, Edie Easterby and Trixie Crouch along with College staff members and well-known Pioneers legends, Tom Daly, Titus Robinson and Matt Sutton who will be taking on another season at the helm of the Women's team as Head Coach.

## SAPSASA Golf

This week we had some students try out for SAPSASA golf and we congratulate the following students who made it through to the regional event held in Naracoorte in August:

They are Charlie Winterfield, Oscar Benjamin and Harry Window.

We wish them luck in Term 3.

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator



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](mailto:kafflight@hotmail.com.au) if you would like to join the team!

## 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

# SAPSASA ATHLETICS RESULTS

### 9 YEAR OLD BOYS

High Jump – James Van de Hurk – 1st  
Long Jump – Olu Lande – 3rd  
Shot Put – James Van de Hurk – 1st  
Discus – Rory Watson – 2nd

### 9 YEAR OLD GIRLS

800m – Lienke Van der Weshuizen – 3rd  
Discus – Zoe Raymond – 3rd

### 10 YEAR OLD BOYS

100m – Morgan Renko – 2nd  
200m – Morgan Renko – 2nd  
200m – Isaac Lindner – 3rd  
800m – Jimmy Corzier – 3rd  
Long Jump – Joseph Dikete – 1st  
Shot Put – Kaiden Orchard – 3rd

### 10 YEAR OLD GIRLS

100m – Scarlett Lang – 3rd  
200m – Chiedza Chindewere – 2nd  
200m – Scarlett Lang – 3rd  
Long Jump – Ellie Perry – 2nd  
Shot Put – Ellie Perry – 3rd

### 11 YEAR OLD BOYS

100m – Zach Howard – 2nd  
200m – Zach Howard – 2nd  
800m – Finn McEachern – 3rd  
High Jump – Zach Howard – 1st  
Long Jump – Zach Howard – 1st  
Long Jump – Finn McEachern – 3rd  
Shot Put – Tom Wright – 1st  
Shot Put – Brock Lewis – 3rd  
Discus – Tom Wright – 2nd

### 11 YEAR OLD GIRLS

200m – Sienna Buntsma – 3rd  
800m – Sienna Buntsma – 2nd  
Long Jump – Georgia Skirving – 3rd  
Shot Put – Georgia Skirving – 2nd

### 12 YEAR OLD BOYS

100m – Riley Chapman – 2nd  
200m – Riley Chapman – 2nd

### 12 YEAR OLD GIRLS

100m – Claire Flett – 1st  
800m – Zoe Little – 1st  
800m – Abby Cox – 2nd  
High Jump – Abby Cox – 3rd  
Long Jump – Abby Cox – 1st  
Shot Put – Ruby Lamb – 1st  
Discus – Anna L – 2nd

WELL DONE TO  
ALL STUDENTS.



# HOLY WEEK IN THE PRAYER GARDEN

YEAR 1 STUDENTS



# RECEPTION EASTER ARTWORK

'HE IS RISEN'



# SENIOR MUSIC CAMP

AT BAYVIEW LODGE IN PORTLAND







# 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 Wangā Learning Community - *Ngula wangingi mraata ba wanginyi*, including the Poplars Inclusion Unit

**Friday, 12 April 2024**

formal proceedings will commence at 10.00am in the Barrie Holmes Stadium