



# Open Heart Open Arms

WEDNESDAY 1 MAY 2024 WEEK 1, TERM 2

## ANZAC DAY

2024 College Captains Bree Robinson and Teangi Stephens represented the College at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service on Thursday morning, as they paid their respects and laid a wreath on behalf of the College. Bree had the honour of reading the origins of the ANZAC dawn service.

At the mid morning service Middle School Leaders Ava Halloran and Kade Parker along with Junior School Leaders Caitlin Barry and Luke Olivier paid their respects on behalf of the College. College Captain Teangi Stephens also had the honour of reading the ANZAC Requiem.

Airforce Cadets Travis Webster-Lawson and Matthew Keen along with Cadet Leader John MacGregor were also in attendance to pay their respects.





# From the Principal



## Welcome to new families

As I welcome all families back to start of Term 2, we especially welcome new families to our community, hoping that they will enjoy being a part of our learning family.

The term has commenced smoothly and students have once again settled into the routines that were established in Term 1. We look forward with fresh energy to the learning experiences to be encountered during the term.

## Celebrating Journey and Legacy – Friday 12 April, 2024

The Tenison Woods College community was excited to gather for a celebration of journey and legacy on 12 April, 2024.

Representatives of Religious Orders, former students, staff and community members gathered with the current school and parish community to formally open and bless recent building developments by the Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan DD, Archbishop of Adelaide. These developments included the:

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



These formal openings and blessings offered Tenison Woods College 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 Joseph's Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, St Paul's Parish School, Mater Christi College, St Mary's Primary School, 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.

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 room as Woods, Champagnat, 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 including 7-8 Gilap Wanga - Ngula wangingi mraata ba wanginyi Learning Community, which 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 Services Centre puts the accent on welcome and discerning stewardship, with compassion for justice and a preferential support for those in need.

Executive Director of Catholic Education South Australia, Dr Neil McGoran spoke at the event and offered thanks to all those who contributed to the recent developments, while at the same time "keeping a focus on what really matters – the students' learning and formation, and your relentless care for them."

Two hundred guests including members of the Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, Commissioners of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools, civic leaders, former principals, deputy principals, business managers, staff members, committed former school community members and parishioners celebrated with gratitude the shoulders on which the school stands, and celebrated the College's plans for the future.

Guests also had an opportunity to tour the College and view artwork that captures our four founders. The College's Artist in Residence and long serving staff member, Kelly Egan, depicted the College's founders in a contemporary and thought provoking way. These wonderful pieces of art have been hung in the various areas of our College community to help us celebrate the legacy of our founders and the evolving charism of our College community.

## 'Leading from Within' – Our Leaders Shine

During the student vacation ten staff leaders of Tenison Woods College, participated in the leadership program "Leading from Within" that was facilitated by the internationally recognised Brown Collective. Stephen Brown founder and facilitator of the program indicated that the collective is anchored by agreed ideals and ways of working; an explicit commitment to excellence informed by research and evidence; shared values; ethical and sustainable practices; and a clear moral purpose.

Stephen and co-facilitator Phil Holmes, acknowledged the importance of identifying, supporting and developing a diverse range of leaders, and through the program providing an opportunity for individuals to self-reflect about their leadership capabilities, understand the importance of interpersonal relationships in their leadership, and make a contribution to the shared direction of their school and the broader system.

We were very fortunate that ten of our staff, with two staff from Mary MacKillop Memorial School and three from St Anthony's Catholic School participated in two days of high energy facilitation by two highly regarded facilitators, and I look forward to the outcomes of the leadership challenge projects which each participant will complete this year.



## Wellbeing and Engagement Collection Survey – Weeks 3 and 4

Students in our school will be invited to take part in a survey being conducted during Weeks 3 and 4 this term.

Young people's sense of wellbeing is an important part of how they learn at school. The purpose of the survey is to seek students' views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school. Students in year levels 4 to 12 across the State will be invited to participate in the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection. The information collected will help the education system and broader community to support young people's health and wellbeing.

The survey asks students about their social and emotional wellbeing; school relationships and engagement and learning in school; and physical health and wellbeing and after school activities. Students' answers will be kept confidential – no one (including school staff) will use the results to identify individual students.

Further information on the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection can be found at [www.education.sa.gov.au](http://www.education.sa.gov.au) (search:wec) or can be collected from the school. For questions or concerns, or to view the questions, please email Education. [WECsa@sa.gov.au](mailto:WECsa@sa.gov.au).

## Generations in Jazz Weekend

I remind families that this weekend is the Generations in Jazz Festival; an outstanding expression of jazz music, youthful energy and passionate learning. I encourage you to get along and soak up an inspiring atmosphere.

To watch our school's performances and/or concerts, various tickets are available for purchase online at <https://www.generationsinjazz.com.au/tickets>

If you have not yet had the pleasure of attending the event, I can assure you that you will be amazed at the talent, energy and sense of community which the Generations in Jazz creates.

And if you would like to offer parochial support for our Tenison Woods College students then head out to The Barn on Saturday 4 May at these times:

- 8:00am SHOWBAND in the Hi Pine Pavilion
- 12:00pm Senior Vocal Ensemble in the Allert Pavilion

## Parent Engagement Evening - Catholic Schools Parents South Australia

Please see the flyer in this newsletter for the next excellent engagement evening on 14 May 2024, brought to us by the Catholic School Parents South Australia. This event is with Paul Dillon of Drug and Alcohol Research Training Australia (DARTA) speaking on the subject - Teens, parties, alcohol and vapes: What do parents need to know? Families can join and listen online. Register here for this very significant parent and carer event: <https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-5689801>

## ANZAC Day - 'Lest we forget'

I was delighted that Tenison Woods College was formally involved in the Mount Gambier ANZAC Day commemorations. I believe ANZAC Day not only offers us an opportunity to acknowledge those Australian and New Zealand Army Corps soldiers who fought and died at Gallipoli in 1915, but is also a day of remembrance for all soldiers who have died while fighting for their country as well as their families whose lives have been significantly transformed by the supreme sacrifice. Furthermore, ANZAC Day invites us as a community to acknowledge the commitment of our contemporary armed forces and their families; a day to say thank you with deep appreciation.

I thank our College Captains Bree Robinson and Teangi Stephens who attended the dawn service, and our Year 6 Leaders Caitlin Barry and Luke Olivier along with Year 9 Leaders Ava Halloran and Jake Parker who attended the mid-morning service to lay a wreath on behalf of Tenison Woods College.

It was pleasing to note the number of Tenison Woods College students who, as cadets, were involved in the proceedings of the day. Likewise, it was also pleasing that many students of the College attended the ceremonies during the day with their families.

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

**God Bless,  
David Mezinec | Principal**

## CIM Team News



### Mother's Day Breakfast

We invite you to our annual Mother's Day Breakfast. Please join us for a relaxing morning, as we honour the women in our lives and celebrate motherhood! Children are encouraged to attend the breakfast with you.

A light breakfast of croissants will be provided by the Sugarloaf Cafe, with a gold coin donation per person appreciated. For catering purposes, we require you to please register your attendance by this Friday 3 May 2024. [Register here](#)

As part of the booking, you will need to indicate the number of free tickets you require (please note that this is the number of people from your family attending, including your child/ren).

Should you require any further information, or to inform us of dietary requirements, please do not hesitate to contact Fiona Zwar via telephone (08) 8725 5455 or email [zwarf@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:zwarf@tenison.catholic.edu.au)



## May is the month of Mary

During the month of May, we honour and hold a special place for Mary. During May, you might like to give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It could be a statue, a picture or some representation of our Blessed Mother. Mary was the first disciple, and we heard of her triumphant "yes" to be the mother of Jesus. Mary is a model of discipleship and holiness for us all. Use your Mary focus during May to regularly pray Marian prayers such as the Hail Mary, The Holy Rosary, or the Angelus. Mary is Mother - your mother, my mother, everyone's mother - and she cares for all of us, day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters.

## Year 11 Retreat

Next week the Year 11 students and staff will travel to Halls Gap for their annual Retreat. The theme of this Retreat is 'Gratitude'. The Retreat is an opportunity to spend time together as a year level and to learn more about who students want to be and how they can be in the world. The Retreat allows students to build connections between one another and to reflect on their sense of self and their relationship with God. The Grampians is a wonderful place to connect with the natural environment and spend time reflecting with gratitude on the world created for us to care for.

## Term 2 Masses in the College Chapel

Mass is celebrated each Thursday of the term and is led by a different year level each week. Mass begins at 9:10am in the College Chapel. All are welcome to join us for these masses.

### The roster for Term 2 Masses:

Week 1	Thursday 2 May - Year 9
Week 2	Thursday 9 May - No Mass at TWC, Mass will be held on Year 11 Retreat
Week 3	Thursday 16 May - Year 12
Week 4	Thursday 23 May - Year 5
Week 5	Thursday 30 May - Year 8
Week 6	No Mass - Student Free Day
Week 7	Thursday 13 June - Year 10
Week 8	Thursday 20 June - Whole School Mass (Charity Day) - BHS
Week 9	Thursday 27 June - Year 6
Week 10	Tuesday 2 July - Year 4
Week 10	Thursday 4 July - Year 7

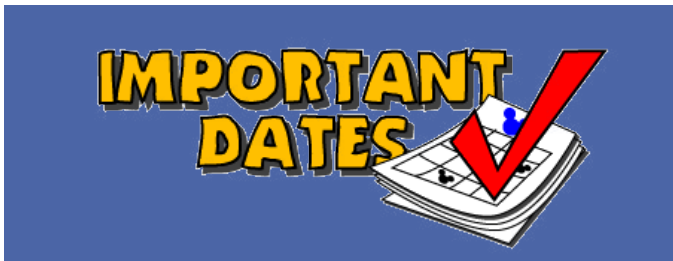
## Sacramental Session Reminders

A reminder that SESSION 1 First Holy Communion for those currently involved in the Sacramental Program will be held this Saturday 4 May 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 First Holy Communion on the weekend of June 22 and 23.

**Sally Telford** | Religious Education Coordinator





## Upcoming Key Dates

### Week 1

#### Wednesday 1 May

- A night of Jazz | Wehl Street Theatre, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

#### Thursday 2 May

- GRIP Student Leadership Conference | Uni SA

#### Friday 3 May

- Generations in Jazz | The Barn
- Clean Up Australia Day
- SANFL Umpiring Course | McDonald Primary School

### Week 2

#### Monday 6 May

- Year 8 Caving & Surfing Expedition (Ryan) | Robe & Naracoorte
- Reception Swimming Lessons
- Naracoorte Families Gathering | 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- 2025 Middle School Information Evening | Naracoorte, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

#### Tuesday 7 May

- Year 8 Caving & Surfing Expedition (Ryan) | Robe & Naracoorte
- Reception Swimming Lessons
- Principal's Tour | 9:00am
- Year 11 Sammy D Presentation

#### Wednesday 8 May

- Year 8 Caving & Surfing Expedition (Goodfellow) | Robe & Naracoorte
- Reception Swimming Lessons
- Year 11 Retreat | Grampians
- 2025 Year 7 Information Evening | Mount Gambier, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

#### Thursday 9 May

- Year 8 Caving & Surfing Expedition (Goodfellow) | Robe & Naracoorte
- Reception Swimming Lessons
- Year 11 Retreat | Grampians

#### Friday 10 May

- Mother's Day Breakfast | 7:20am
- Year 8 Caving & Surfing Expedition (Goodfellow) | Robe & Naracoorte
- Reception Swimming Lessons
- Year 11 Retreat | Grampians
- SAPSASA Regional Cross Country
- Year 4-6 Assembly | 2:05pm
- Year R-3 Assembly | 2:40pm



## State Netball Team Selection

Congratulations to Mischa Human who has been selected in the South Australian under 15 Netball Team and Emily Denton who made reserve for the squad. Mischa will compete at the State Under 15's Netball National Championships in the Gold Coast at the end of July.

Both Mischa and Emily are part of the College's High Performance Sport Program, their squad selection is a testament to their ongoing hard work and determination.



## Mother's Day Plants For Sale

Our Certificate 2 in Horticulture class has a small selection of plants for sale just in time for Mother's Day. They can be found in the PRC and front office with prices range from \$10 - \$20.

Payment can be cash or eftpos at the front office limited stock.



# 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

**Engage**

← ABSENCES

**NEW ABSENCE**

**New Absence**

Student \*

Student

Start date \* 17 Apr 2024 Start time \* 8:00am

End date \* 17 Apr 2024 End time \* 3:30pm

Reason for absence \*

Reason

Comment (optional)

Comment

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## New SEQTA Engage Absentee Feature

The new SEQTA Engage feature allows parents to notify the school when their child is going to be away.

Any child who is away for 5 days or more need to complete an exemption form and the form should be provided to TWC and approved by David before filling out the absence in SEQTA Engage.

You can still call or text the absentee line on 0429 134 568.

**Craig Neuman** | ICT Technician



## 2025 Titans USA Basketball Tour

Expressions of interest are being called for the 2025 Titans USA Basketball Tour.

The three-week tour is a once in a life-time experience for participants as they take part in a cultural immersion and basketball tour along the west coast of the United States of America and is open to current Year 8-11 students.

In what will be the 10th biennial tour, students will play basketball against various high school teams, immerse themselves in the homestay experiences, while also enjoying sight-seeing which could include Alcatraz Island, Fisherman's Wharf, Disneyland, California Adventure Park, Universal Studios, and did we mention they finish the trip with three days in Hawaii.

Students will also experience the thrills of an NBA game, College basketball games, ice hockey, NFL game, College tour, a luau, plus a little bit of shopping (retail therapy).

An email has been sent to parents of students in Years 8-11 to register an expression of interest to participate in the tour. Alternatively, please email Tanya Thomson (thota@tenison.catholic.edu.au) to register. Please include the student's name in the email.

All expressions of interest need to be received by **Tuesday 14 May**. Once names are registered, details will be emailed regarding the date of the first information session.

Please contact me for any questions regarding the tour – buckc@tenison.catholic.edu.au

**Ciaran Buckley** | Tour Coordinator





## Noah Pezzimenti Heavy Vehicle Apprenticeship

Congratulations to Noah Pezzimenti who has secured a full time Heavy Vehicle Technician apprenticeship at Mount Gambier Isuzu facilitated by MTA (Motor Trade Association).

Noah undertook a few periods of work experience and commenced this apprenticeship over the Term break after a week trial with positive reviews in Week 11.

We wish Noah all the best moving forward in this apprenticeship, and we will miss his smiling face in the Year 12 common room!



## Jayden Prior Cricket Tour

Congratulations to our Sport Leader, Jayden Prior who in Week 1 of the school holidays, flew to South Africa as part of the Jason Gillespie Academy Tour.

Last year, Jayden was invited to Sri Lanka and this year saw him invited to the Under 19 side as a wicket keeper/ batter and coached by former Australian cricket player, Jason Gillespie himself.

It was a true honour for Jayden at the Uniform Presentation held in Adelaide where he was named as Captain for the Under 19 side travelling to South Africa. It is a true testament to Jayden's high level of skill, dedication and character as a great leader.

The Tenison Woods College community wishes Jayden and his side all the best as they travel through South Africa over the course of two and a half weeks where they will face various cricket academies. The Jason Gillespie Academy will stay at the South Africa Cricket High Performance Resort for the first few nights and end their tour in Cape Town where they will play a 3-day test match.

Congratulations and good luck, Jayden!



## A Night of Jazz

Good luck to our Showband and Senior Vocal Ensemble who are performing this evening at A Night of Jazz at The Wehl Street Theatre, in preparation for a big weekend at Generations in Jazz Festival this weekend!



## NRL League Stars

League Stars is all play, no contact, appealing to the true nature of kids, in all their messy, high energy, love of fun and play.

League Stars will be run after school from 4:30pm at the Blue Lake Soccer Club for primary school aged children across 6 weeks starting Monday 20 May. The program is suitable for all abilities with the focus on practicing fundamental movement skills and having a blast with friends

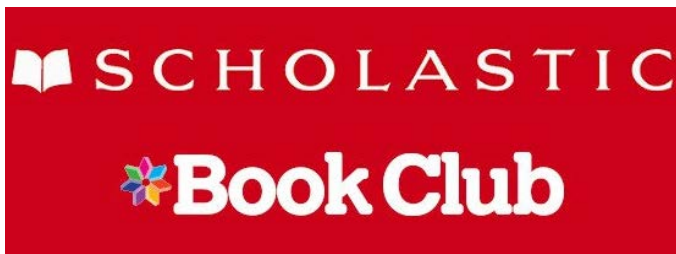
[Click here](#) to view their Website for more information.

If you need help with

# SEQTA

 Engage

email - [connect@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:connect@tenison.catholic.edu.au)



## Scholastic Bookclub Issue 3

Purchases need to be placed through the LOOP online ordering platform only.

LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's book club order and the books will be delivered to their class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Just follow the prompts to create a new account if it is your first-time ordering (only one account per family is required).

We will no longer be accepting cash payments for book club.

All orders for Issue 3 need to be in by Monday 20 May.

If you purchase books as a gift, please let your teacher know so this can be passed on.

Jess Lucas | Library Assistant



## 2024 ICAS for Parents

In 2024 we are giving Tenison Woods College students the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their talents in the ICAS competition this year.

### What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

Every student who participates is recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

[Click here](#) to view full document

Chris Lloyd | Online Assessment Coordinator

### Monday

**Kimochis & Bluey Club**  
Reception Building  
Lucy

**Games World Club**  
Reception Building  
Mrs Jeffrey

### Tuesday

**Movement Club**  
MacKillop JS - Downstairs  
Aden

### Wednesday

**Music Mania Club**  
Paved area outside Year 1 Classrooms  
Mr Inglis

**Pop Up Club**  
Library

### Thursday

**Construction & Colouring**  
MacKillop JS - Downstairs  
MK 102  
Mrs Little

**'Luxurious Locks'**  
Downstairs Makers Space  
Mrs Snell

**Self Care Club**  
Upstairs Makers Space  
Lucy & Mrs Marlow

**Chess Club**  
Library  
Mr Mustey

### Friday

**Engage Asia Club**  
Room 402  
Mr Chen

**Reading Club**  
Year 4 Classroom Upstairs  
Ms Morgan

**Fun in the MPR Club**  
MPR  
Miss K



Junior School  
LUNCH CLUBS



# A CELEBRATION OF JOURNEY AND LEGACY





# ELCC COLOUR RUN





# OSHC PIONEERS VISIT





# ELCC BUSH BUDDIES VISIT





**MERCEDES  
COLLEGE**

CELEBRATING  
**70**  
YEARS



# Parent Engagement Event

**Tuesday 14 May 2024  
6.30pm - 8pm**

**Mercedes College**  
Mercy Lecture Theatre  
540 Fullarton Road  
Springfield

**Free Event**

**Register at**  
**[CESA Registration Centre](#)**  
**or go to the events page at**  
**[cspsa.catholic.edu.au](https://cspsa.catholic.edu.au)**

**Catholic School Parents South Australia, in collaboration with Mercedes College presents the second Parent Engagement Event for 2024.**

Paul Dillon of Drug and Alcohol Research Training Australia (DARTA)

## **Teens, parties, alcohol and vapes: What do parents need to know?**

Adolescence is a challenging time for all concerned, with many parents feeling as though they are not adequately prepared, particularly in areas such as alcohol and other drugs.

Every family is different and there are a range of different circumstances that will dictate how a parent responds to problems that may arise in this area. Having good quality, accurate information is vital.

This session is presented by Paul Dillon of [DARTA](#) who continues to work with many school communities to ensure they have access to quality information and best practice drug education.

Spaces will be limited to 120 people in person. Livestreaming will be available on the evening, with the recording available for 48 hours for viewing.



**Catholic  
School  
Parents**  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

For further inquiries on the event please contact [Catholic School Parents South Australia](#) or email [trish.jarvis@cspsa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:trish.jarvis@cspsa.catholic.edu.au)

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