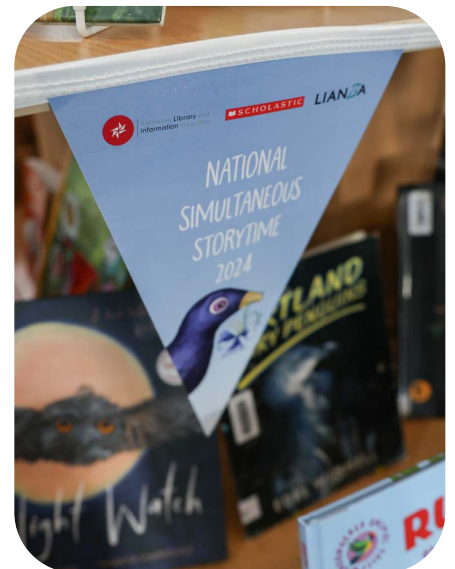




Open Heart Open Arms

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2024 WEEK 4, TERM 2

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME



From the Principal



Laudato Si' Week, 19-26 May 2024.

This year, the theme of Laudato Si' Week, "Seeds of Hope," calls us all to be those seeds of hope in our lives and in our world, rooted in faith and love. The theme is inspired by the Season of Creation 2024 symbol, "firstfruits."



This week invites us to come together as a community to contemplate and nurture seeds of hope for our "suffering planet" (LD 2).

Laudate Deum reminds us of the urgency of the Laudato Si' message and the need for personal and cultural transformation in the midst of our ecological and climate crises.

Our commitment stems from the conviction that, even in times of ecological and climatic crises, each of us has the power to make a difference and contribute to building a more sustainable future.

Together, we can cultivate a world where harmony between humanity and nature is a tangible reality.

"there are no lasting changes without cultural changes ... and there are no cultural changes without personal changes" (LD 70).

Laudato Si was a pivotal encyclical by Pope Francis calling Catholics around the world to care for our common home, our planet. This encyclical provided the foundation for our College's focus on ecology and sustainability and has led to many whole school initiatives and curriculum integration over the past nine years.

This week, and beyond, you might try to-

- Take a walk in nature
- Consider your energy use and the use of renewable energies
- Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Consider water conservation practices in your home

Pentecost and Prayer

Happy birthday! On Sunday 19 May we celebrated the Church's birthday, Pentecost. The Acts of the Apostles tell us that before Pentecost the disciples gathered in the upper room with Mary to pray for the wisdom to know what to do next (Acts 1:13-14). Then again on Pentecost day itself "the apostles all met in one room" (Acts 2:1-11). And then after Pentecost that the disciples "devoted themselves to the doctrine of the Apostles, to the common life, to the Breaking of the Bread, and to the prayers... holding their possessions in common, selling and giving to the poor... sharing their meals with glad and generous hearts" (Acts 2:42-47).

Father Peter in the parish bulletin tells us:

"And no birthday is complete without a gift and our parish has a small gift for parishioners. We have produced a little pamphlet with some common Catholic prayers which we can use as a tool for daily prayer. We have included some of the most common prayers in our Catholic tradition, which help us to call to mind the presence of God through the day – at morning, evening, and night, as well as before and after meals. Short moments of vocal prayer help to open our minds and hearts to God's abiding presence throughout the day."

He furthermore concludes:

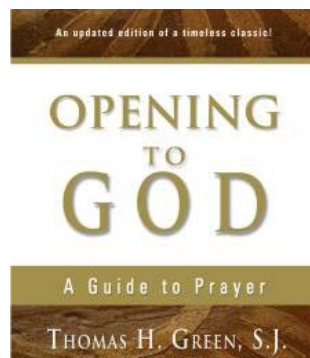
"Our little gift of "Catholic Prayers" must not turn us into parrots! They should help us engage our hearts and speak sincerely to God. Prayer is not just 'saying prayers', but an encounter with God. We can all pray anytime, anywhere, but how do we prepare ourselves for that encounter with God? How do we hear his voice? How do we respond generously? Keen to know more? Join in our book study – Opening to God by Thomas Green SJ."

PARISH BOOK STUDY:

Opening to God – A Guide to Prayer by Thomas Green SJ 7pm Thursday 23 May, Gathering Space of St Paul's, Mt Gambier Weekly for a total of 6 sessions (concluding on 27 June)

The book can be purchased from the Mt Gambier parish office, for \$25. The text can also be accessed online for free at archive.org

The session can be accessed online, just scan the QR code or go to: <https://t.ly/owDZE>



National Volunteers Week

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. From Monday 20 to Sunday 26 May 2024, NVW celebrates the significant contribution of Australia's almost six million volunteers.

At Tenison Woods College we are so thankful to the parents, students and staff who volunteer their time to our school and parish community in a variety of ways, such as assisting the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, The Breakfast Club, our College Board & Sub-Committees, in the canteen, at sports days and events and have participated in working bees. We are so appreciative of the many volunteers and this week we take time to say thank you.

People like our LAP volunteers know how significant LAP (Learning Assistance Program) can be in the lives of our young. I am also so proud of our staff, students and parents who volunteer their service on a roster every Saturday morning to ensure that the Vinnies Shop on Crouch Street is able to offer its service on Saturdays. They tell me that the commitment to volunteering and serving our community is only rivalled by the sense of fun, welcome and community that is created each Saturday.

It is through such examples of volunteering that we appreciate the true essence of our school motto "Let your Light Shine." The Gospel indicates "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:13-16). As such our shining is about inspiring others to a good life and ultimately so that they can be invited to see and experience the abundance of God's love.

Any parents who would like to offer their time to LAP, please contact Tania Sigley (on. 08 87255455 or via email sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

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 week 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; 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 or can be collected from the school. For questions or concerns, or to view the questions, please email Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au.

Calvary English School Visit 21 July – 9 August

We are excited about the impending visit of our long-time friends Yoko Inoue, Maya Inoue, Sara Inoue and the Calvary English School Delegation from 21 July until 9 August. This visit continues a relationship that extends thirty years, and as with past experiences, our Japanese guests will enjoy a combination of Tenison Woods College classroom lessons with their Australian buddies, and tours of the South East to help our guests experience life in the South East of South Australia and Western Victoria.

We are asking that the 10 students be hosted by Tenison Woods College



families. Yolande Langford, our College Homestay Coordinator has forwarded an Edsmart broadcast that has clarified the ages of the predominantly primary and middle school students who will arrive, with a view to matching families with an appropriate student.

Such hospitality, which is complemented by a homestay allowance for families, is greatly appreciated, and I trust the presence of these Japanese students will enrich families and help them vividly appreciate our global community.

Parish Planned Giving Rebate

I remind families that parents contributing to the Parish Planned Giving may claim a rebate from Tuition Fees of 50% of their contribution up to a maximum claim of \$750. Official Parish receipts are to be presented to the Finance Department after the 30 June 2024 for a deduction to be made.

EY-12 Staff Professional Development Days – 6 and 7 June

Early Years to Year 12 Staff are looking forward to the staff professional development days Thursday 6 and Friday 7 June, when they will devote time to critical literacy and numeracy experiences, supporting diverse learning needs and student agency throughout the school. Furthermore we will be evolving further our wellbeing approach at the school, focusing on coaching students to facilitate agency in the Resilient IMPACT approach.

I trust students and parents will experience the benefits of the days through our service to students and families throughout the College. I remind families that these days are student-free days for both the ELCC and the College.

God Bless,

David Meziniec | Principal

CIM Team News



Stationery Drive for Timor Leste- Junior School Initiative

In support of the immersion experience and in an effort to make a small difference with great love, the Junior School is running a Stationery drive so that we can get stationery packs ready for children in Timor Leste. We will be making packs in snap lock bags, so they are light and easy to take on the plane. Items must be small and brand new (no scissors or sharp objects).

Thank you in anticipation of your support for this worthy cause.

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.

- Week 4 Thursday 23 May- Year 5
- Week 5 Thursday 30 May- Year 8

From the Parish

Youth Mass and Youth Group- Millicent (May 25)

GUEST SPEAKER- In addition to the night's fun with games, food and time with friends, come and hear our guest speaker answer your questions about career pathways into social work, studying away from home and how living out faith and giving back to the community contributes to this fulfilling career.

See you there, Saturday 25 May. St Alphonsus Church Hall Millicent

Mass: 4.30pm

Youth Group: 5.30-7pm.

Who: Year 6-12 students

Further details contact Fr. Olek 87256566 or RSVP by email: sharp@tenison.catholic.edu.au, couzl@sta.catholic.edu.au, ap@mtgcatholic.org.au

Family Mass

The next Family Mass will be held on this Sunday 26 May at 11am. Family Mass is held on the weekend of the 4th Sunday of the month at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. Children from the College and St Paul's Parish help to lead the Mass.

Volunteers Shared Lunch to follow Family Mass

May 20-26 is Volunteers week in Australia. We have many volunteers in the parish who make our community active, joyful and caring. We would like to thank all our volunteers at a shared lunch next Sunday, 26 May after the 11.00am Mass in the St Paul's Parish Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share. Everyone is welcome. Please join us in showing our gratitude for everyone's contribution.

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator



Upcoming Key Dates

WEEK 4

Thursday 23 May

- Year 10 Bushwalking Camp - Grampians
- Year 7/8 Boys and Girls Basketball | St. Francis de Sales College
- Year 1 Swimming Lessons
- World of Robotics - MacKillop Junior School
- Year 3 History Excursion - Public Library/RSL/Vansittart Park
- Year 7-9 Mixed Knockout Hockey - Blue Lake Sports Park
- Poplars Swimming Lessons | 10am

Friday 24 May

- Year 1 Swimming Lessons
- Year 10 Bushwalking Camp - Grampians
- World of Robotics - MacKillop Junior School
- Year 4-6 Assembly - 2:05pm MacKillop Junior School
- Reception - Year 3 Assembly - 2:20pm MacKillop Junior School

WEEK 5

Monday 27 May

- National Reconciliation Week
- Whole School Virtual Assembly
- SAPSASA Boys AFL Football Carnival - Adelaide
- Year 9-10 Boys Knockout Football - Sacred Heart College

Tuesday 28 May

- SAPSASA Boys AFL Football Carnival - Adelaide
- Year 9-10 Boys Knockout Football - Sacred Heart College
- World of Robotics - MacKillop Junior School
- Auskick | 3:30pm - 4:15pm

Wednesday 29 May

- SAPSASA Boys AFL Football Carnival - Adelaide
- Interschool Cross Country - Tenison Woods College
- Junior Music Playout - BHS 2:00pm
- World of Robotics - MacKillop Junior School

Thursday 30 May

- Poplars Swimming Lessons | 10am
- World of Robotics - MacKillop Junior School

Friday 31 May

- Charity Ball - 7:00pm, City Hall Main Corner Mount Gambier
- World of Robotics - MacKillop Junior School
- Year 1 Horse & Carriage History Excursion

Sunday 2 June

- Cardijn | Debate, 6:30pm UniSA Theatre



Local illustrator Bianca Richardson Visits Reception Children

During Week 3, local illustrator Bianca Richardson visited our Reception children. She spoke about the process she used to illustrate her very first children's book 'Banjo Frog's Concert Spectacular' written by Kristin Martin, which tells the story of how Banjo frogs, Glossy-black cockatoos and Southern brown bandicoots are affected by rabbits and how we can help these animals by planting trees and shrubs to provide food and shelter.

Children were involved in acting out Banjo Frog's concert and had the opportunity to draw their very own Banjo Frog! They are now feeling very inspired to illustrate their own stories during our Bookmaking lessons. We thank Bianca for her time and for gifting us with our very own copy of 'Banjo Frog's Concert Spectacular'.



Sugarloaf and Hospitality Staff Acknowledgement

Congratulations to the Sugarloaf and Academy of Hospitality Training Teaching team for their acknowledgement by the RTO Australian Institute of Education and Training (AIET) last week.

The team has been highlighted nationwide for their excellence in VET mentoring and assessment practices. See the full story [here](#)



Celebrating Mary

We have been celebrating Mary this month by learning about her, asking her to pray for us, learning the Hail Mary and using Rosary beads to pray. We have learnt that Mary is an inspiration. She was brave, loving and trusted God! Students created water colour art works and crowned her as Queen of Heaven and Earth with elements of nature.

Nicola Dunn | Year 1 Teacher



March in May

On Wednesday 15 May the Year 6 cohort participated in the March in May Canunda National Park Excursion. The day included an 8.5km loop walk around the park to promote care for creation, connecting with nature and local history. Students stopped at several stations along the way to engage with local experts on a variety of topics; including Indigenous Landcare, Southeast Shorebirds, Weeds and Pests Control and visiting the ruins of the Coola Outstation. It was a wonderful experience for students and the learnings from this experience will now be put forth in our Care for Creation unit which links to Laudato Si.

This excursion leads well into Laudato Si' Week which is celebrated from May 19-26. Laudato Si' Week is an annual celebration inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical letter, "Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home." During this week, people around the world come together to contemplate and care for our planet, rooted in faith and love.

More photos in the gallery below.



Junior School Movement Club

This lunchtime club is all about machines that move. Students can come and learn about trains, cars, planes, ships and even spaceships whilst engaging in fun and creative, team-based activities. Activities can range from crafting their own paper plane design to making layouts with toy cars and trains, all whilst watching videos, doing quizzes, and discussing facts about their favourite vehicles. Each week has a focus on a new mode of transport!



Reception Italian Tasting

Our Reception classes are currently looking at Italian Culture and Food and at which times of day we have meals and what kinds of food. This term the students will try baby chinos, biscotti, pizza, garlic bread and gelati.



Year 7s Build mBot's

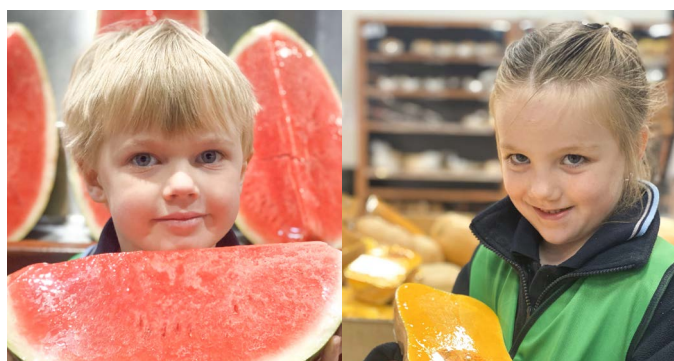
The mBot robot is an entry-level educational robot kit from Makeblock, designed to introduce robotics, programming, and STEM concepts to children and beginners. Built around the idea of simplicity and learning through play, mBot encourages a hands-on experience in robotics assembly and coding.

Our Year 7s have loved learning and building their own mBots programming them to do specific skills.



Year 3s Celebrate Pentecost

On Monday our Year 3 Students celebrated Pentecost. The classes first learnt about Pentecost and the importance of the celebration before feasting on a cake to celebrate.



ELCC Paddock to Plate

The MacKillop Kindergarten room children have been learning about paddock to plate. Last week the children visited She's Apples where they learnt about many healthy fruit and vegetables to fuel our bodies along with "sometimes foods" as treats.



Year 7 Visual Art

Recently our Year 7 visual art students have been exploring colour theory by colour matching paints to swatches. They experimented with tints and shades as well as colour mixing to produce a rainbow of swatches.



Little Leaders visit the SAKG Community Flower Garden

Last Friday, some of our Little Leaders representatives met with Cindy Bunt from Post and Rail to discuss different options for the SAKG Community Flower Garden. Cindy was very excited to be part of this new venture which she believed was a first that she knew about having a cut flower garden in a school environment. They were accompanied by SAKG Teachers, Ashleigh Flavel and Nicole Philipson, CIM Coordinator Sally Telford, Wellbeing Coordinator Maria Jeffrey and parishioners. The Little Leaders also learnt about various seasonal flowers, pollinating flowers, edible flowers as well as flowers from the bible in celebration of May, the month of Mary. The Little Leaders also took Cindy and the Parishioners on a tour of the Recology Shed. The hope is that the Community Garden will become a space where community can come together to grow flowers from seedlings and attract pollinators. These flowers will be used for mass, liturgies, school events and for pleasure. The Art Department is also located close by so they will also be able to use the garden for inspiration. We look forward to the developments and involving more of our school community.

Francesca Dickson | Head of Junior School R-6



STEAM Art Workshop

On Tuesday 21 May, The University of Adelaide visited the College to run a STEAM workshop with students, focusing on the Marine Parks of South Australian, conservation and the application of The Arts to support this.

Students worked with university associates to unpack the local 'Fab Five' protected marine species of South Australia, understand the importance of these species and begun the first stages of creating an artwork that promotes the conservation. They will continue to work on these pieces in their extracurricular studies. Upon completion in August, during the SALA Festival, The Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre will exhibit the students work, celebrating their creativity, their perspectives and connection to Marine Country.



GRIP Leadership Award Winner

Year 8 Student Lauren Jones recently attended the GRIP Leadership Conference and won herself a \$50 voucher for entering a competition whilst there.



Year 3 Paper Pets

In Mrs McCourt's Year 3 class, Mrs Whitehead our preservice teacher has been teaching students how to carefully structure a procedure text.

To bring our lessons to life, we've been watching Mr. Maker, who has inspired us with his fun and creative projects. Students wrote their own step-by-step procedure and then put them to the test by creating their very own paper pet fish. The results were fantastic, and we had a great time seeing our procedure writing come to life!

Stacey McCourt | Year 3 Teacher

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





Project Recology Visit for Little Leaders

In Little Leaders this term, we are focusing on sustainability. The visit to the Project Recology Shed supports our classroom learning about the correct bins to use and to know where all our classroom waste goes and what happens to it.

Our Little Leaders were able to see the process of how their food waste, collected from the College bins, is turned into soil enhancer and how the Poplars class use this as enterprise learning. The children were fascinated to know that their plastic yoghurt and bottle lids were recycled to create plastic sheets that can then be made into jewellery, flower pots, clocks and other things including furniture such as the benches throughout the College.

Compost caddies have been introduced to reduce food waste in our classrooms and in hope that food waste does not make its way into our other bins. Our children can make a positive impact on reducing waste that goes to landfill and these experiences within our school environment are a wonderful, hands-on way for our Little Leaders to learn and share with their classes.

Maria Jeffrey | Teacher/R 2 Wellbeing Coordinator

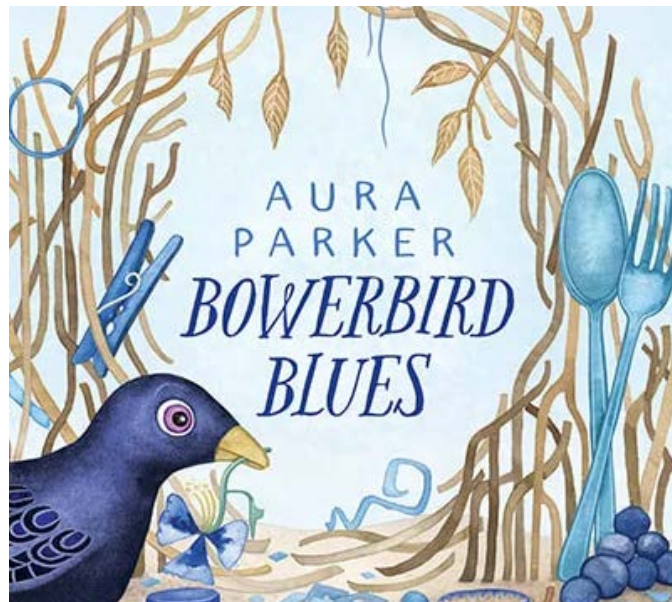


SASI Cycling Testing

This week, Tenison Woods College was abuzz with athletic excitement as 32 students participated in the SASI (South Australian Sports Institute) testing. The event, facilitated by coaches Rob Mann and Mike Bakker from the Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy, provided a rigorous assessment of the students' athletic capabilities.

The young athletes were put through their paces with a series of demanding tests designed to measure both speed and endurance. The testing included a 6-second maximum sprint, which evaluated their explosive power and acceleration, and a 2-minute endurance test, challenging their stamina and sustained performance.

These tests are critical in identifying promising talent and understanding the physical capacities of the students. The results, which will be meticulously analysed by coaches Mann and Bakker, are expected to provide valuable insights that can help tailor future training programs and support the development of these young athletes.



Library News

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops, and many other places around the country. Now in its 24th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Reception to Year 6.

At Tenison Woods College we have celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime since 2008 with that year's book being "Arthur" by Amanda Graham. Over the years we've celebrated books with elephants, big dogs, little dogs, hats, mischievous children, cranky bears, cows, families, gloriously fashionable and talented birds, sibling's, sheep, and space! And each year we find it a wonderfully fun and worthwhile event to participate in as a way to encourage a love of books and promote the value of reading and literacy.

We have celebrated today with book readings, a live stream of the event, pre-recorded readings, making and collecting for our bowers and activities in the library at lunchtime. We are also running a competition for students with all entries due by Friday 31 May to the library. Information has been sent home and the link to entry is [here](#).

Alexandra Nicholson | Library Manager

CROSS COUNTRY



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK



MARCH IN MAY

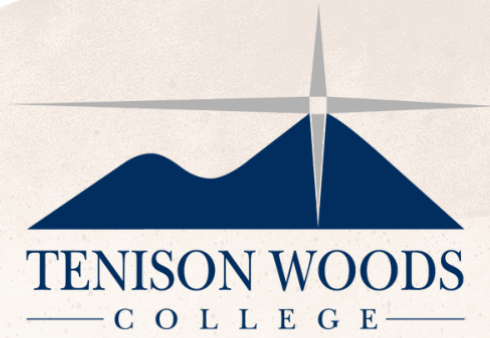


CREATING BOWERBIRDS



PENOLA FAMILIES GATHERING AND YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING





Charity Ball

CITY HALL, MAIN CORNER
\$50 PER TICKET

*We invite Tenison Woods College Year 11 & 12
Students to the 2024 Charity Ball, raising
funds for the 2024 Timor-Leste Immersions*

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FRIDAY
31 MAY
AT 7 PM

Tickets on sale until Friday 24 May via QKR! App.



Breakfast Club 2024

Are you hungry?

Do you come on the bus?
No time for breakfast at home?

Start your day right at
Breakfast Club

Quick & Easy

Delicious

BC operates Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8:10am - 8:40am in the Home Ec Room (Room 705, upstairs)

AFTER SCHOOL STUDY CENTRE

SENIOR SCHOOL - PRC COMMON ROOM


MONDAY:
Mathematics

TUESDAY:
Science

THURSDAY:
English

Studiosity connects Australia's best and brightest educators to students during homework time. Students can easily access the Studiosity site via the link on the Portal@TWC page.

Studiosity



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