



Open Heart Open Arms

WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2024 WEEK 4 , TERM 4

Together We Can



OUR TIMOR LESTE SISTER SCHOOL VISITS TENISON WOODS COLLEGE

The Timor delegation has had a wonderful first week, engaging with Tenison Woods College students in classes, attending masses at St Paul's and the Naracoorte parish, and exploring the beautiful Limestone Coast. At school, the students enjoyed Food and Hospitality, Child Studies, and Horticulture, finding them refreshingly different from their classes at COSAFRAX.

On Friday night, we gathered to celebrate the exchange program, with reflections shared by past students and teachers, Eddie and Fr. Domingos. The food, prepared by Jen and Jenny with support from Zalie, was incredible. The evening concluded with traditional dancing, storytelling, and lots of laughter.

Over the weekend, the delegation visited the Mary MacKillop Centre to learn more about our beloved saint. While the historic schoolhouse amazed us, for them it felt familiar, reflecting aspects of life in Timor, where cooking with fire and classrooms with wooden tables, chairs, and blackboards are a part of daily life.

The Naracoorte Caves were another highlight. Everyone was in awe as they walked through the Victoria Fossil Caves and explored the National Park.

On Saturday afternoon, the delegation attended a mass led by Fr. Domingos in Tetun, followed by a shared meal with Timor community members, including Charlie and others working in Naracoorte. It was a joyful celebration with delicious food and traditional dancing. Sunday's mass was well attended by the group, followed by a lovely picnic at Valley Lakes—a much-needed relaxing day. We're looking forward to week two!

Bernadette Fisher | Teacher



From the Principal



Our Timor Leste Family from Hatolia making an Impact

What an exciting week we had last week as we welcomed our Timor family to Tenison Woods College for the very first time. This is a visit of significant importance with commensurate deliberate and sensitive planning by Bernadette Fisher and her team of helpers.

Our 'family' from Saint Frances Xavier College, Hatolia includes:

- Father Domingos Godinho
- Guide and Elder, Eddie De Pina
- Teacher, Silvia Gagao Exposto Gusmoa
- Teacher, Eurico Borges Soares
- Student, Fraelia Marton Soares Araujo
- Student, Aurio Braga De Araujo
- Student, Pedrolina De Jesus Lemos

It has been heartwarming to see the hand of welcome and friendship by our staff, students and families, in addition to the impact of our Timor Leste family on the people they encounter. Furthermore, classes and year levels have enjoyed their presentations, and the follow up conversations with students have been mutually rich as well as impactful.

Parishioners also enjoyed a presentation from Eddie De Pina "Testimony to the Power of Forgiveness." The presentation was as endearing as it was shocking and inspirational. On Friday of this week we will conduct a Whole School Assembly (R-11) at 12noon to farewell our visitors.



Year 8 Robe Camp

The carefully prepared year 8 camp in Robe last week which featured Global Perspectives and Future Thinking activities also offered a wonderful opportunity for year 8 students to reflect on their spiritual life and deepen their relationship with God. The Global Perspectives and Future Thinking experiences offered a great deal of hands-on real world learning to occur. It was furthermore wonderful to hear of the students' growth in confidence, through teamwork activities and moving out of their comfort zones to enhance their individual and communal identities.

The place of camps at Tenison Woods College

This week, many of our year levels will depart for their yearly camp. The Year 5's will attend the Mylor Adventure Camp, Poplars will enjoy their camp in Robe, followed by the Year 6 Canberra Camp leaving on Saturday. These camps have prompted me to think that I am continually grateful for the wonderful culture that has evolved with school camp, retreat, sporting and field experiences at Tenison Woods College. We as a school community understand the critical importance of these experiences in the development of all our young and it is inspiring to see staff and parents working together to ensure that such opportunities offer students the greatest benefit.

Thank you to all the dedicated staff, parents and carers who have committed themselves to the wonderful experiences. It is inspiring to see the passion of people who make these experiences possible for our young and ensure their life experiences are inspired by the wondrous world in which we live.

Anxiety and Stretch

I am thankful for the families who work with our school pastoral care teachers, wellbeing coordinators, counsellors and leadership to navigate the challenging space of student anxiety that is a salient issue in our young, and particularly heightened in the face of camp experiences. While it is important to acknowledge the presence of such conditions for our young, the victory of gradually and deliberately encouraging the stretch and increased circle of security is a critical developmental milestone. I therefore thank parents for working with our staff in acknowledging the presence of anxiety in their children, but deliberately and thoughtfully inviting them to a zone of discomfort, stretch and ultimate personal victory in their development.

Remembrance Day – Monday 11 November

Remembrance Day is an opportunity for us to pay tribute to those men and women who have given their lives in the service of our country. As part of the College tribute our College School Captains, Andi Corfield and Sam Crispino, will lay a wreath at the Mount Gambier service at Vansittart Park.

The College will also honour Remembrance Day at the Assembly on Monday with a ceremony, silence and ode, presented by Bob Sandow, RSL President, and also the presentation of the Tenison Woods College Flyers Award.

Such commemoration helps us reflect on events that have shaped our history and on the lives that have been impacted by the will of others. As we reflect on those who have offered themselves for the cause of freedom, let us not forget the part our faith can play in bringing peace to our world.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

Ever Patient Teacher,

show us the ways of tolerance, teach us the ways of justice.

*Draw us all in heart and mind nearer Jesus Christ your son,
Prince of peace. Amen*

Feast Day of Venerable Catherine McAuley, Monday 11 November

Our College draws inspiration from four founders. One of them is the Venerable Catherine McAuley and from her "House of Mercy", which opened in 1827 through to the founding of her religious order, Religious Sisters of Mercy, in 1831 through to today where there are more than 12,000 Sisters of Mercy worldwide, running 200 health care facilities, 19 colleges, 58 schools and provide many other services that help people of every age, their mission has remained constant. Catherine knew that to be a real help to the poor and needy, she needed to be among them so that she could see the realities of the struggles they faced on a daily basis.

Known in Ireland as the "walking nuns" because they spent so much time in the community helping people, the Sisters of Mercy gave, and still do, give voice and hope to many in our world. Catherine died in 1841, and Pope John Paul II declared Sister Catherine McAuley "Venerable" in 1990. This is the first step on the path to sainthood.

Catherine always said that "proof of love is deed." For Catherine McAuley, 'putting her hand up to help out' was her daily endeavor and it is an inspiring example of how we can let our empathetic and caring deeds be the proof of our love for Jesus and others.



Working Bee

Can you offer half an hour Saturday 9 November. During the Working Bee we will complete the planting of the swale and front garden, replenish bark in the garden areas, and soft-fall as well as sand in the College play areas.

We'd love as much help as you can offer – any time you could spare would be appreciated.

Please bring any gardening equipment you think could be of use: gloves, shovel, rakes, barking pitch forks, wheelbarrows, even your ute. The working bee will commence at 8.00am. Morning tea and refreshments will be supplied with a BBQ available from 10.00am. For those able to assist on the day we ask that you please complete this [online form](#).

BYOD – YEAR 6 Families, ready for Year 7 in 2025

As the year flies by and we look also to 2025, I remind families that if they are thinking about purchasing a device for next year, just check out our Bring Your Own Device page on our website. The link is attached here:

<https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/byod-information/byod-purchase-portal>

You can also find this page in SEQTA Engage by choosing the Portals option and selecting - [BYOD Parent / Guardian Information](#).

We encourage families to think about their child's needs a little earlier than they might to ensure that the device is ready for the start of 2025.

Key dates for the commencement of 2025:

A full list of 2025 key dates will follow soon, but to assist with planning I inform our College community of dates to commence the 2025 academic year:

Wednesday 22 January 2025	All Teaching Staff commence
Thursday 23 January 2025	Book collection day and staff planning day
Monday 27 January 2025	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 28 January 2025	Poplars, Reception, Years 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 commence Term 1.
Wednesday 29 January 2025	Years 1-6 and Years 8 and 9 commence Term 1.

God Bless,

David Mezinac | Principal



CIM Team News

Masses and Liturgies at TWC

Mass is celebrated each Thursday of the term and is led by a different year level each week. Due to a shortened term, some Year Level Masses will take place on a Tuesday, indicated below. All are welcome to join us for these masses.

Upcoming Masses and Liturgies

Thursday 7 November- 9:10am Year 11 Mass (with Timor visitors)

Thursday 14 November- 9:10am Year 9 Mass

Thursday 21 November- 9:10am Year 10 Mass

Whole School Mass

All families, parishioners and friends of the College are invited to attend the End of Year Mass on Thursday 28 November at 9.00am in the Barrie Holmes Stadium.

FROM THE PARISH

QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday, 23rd November:

A Quiz Night will be held at St Paul's Hall, Penola Road, Mount Gambier, on Saturday, 23 November, at 7.00pm. Cost - \$15 per head. BYO food/snacks. Drinks will be available for purchase. Funds raised from the night will support the works the Parish is planning to maintain and refresh the parish hall. Keep this date free. More details to come!

15 minutes with Father

15 minutes with Father is back! It will continue this Sunday, 10 November, immediately after the 11am Mass. The series will explore Jesus' ministry recounted in the Gospel of Mark, particularly the various miracles he performed.



Upcoming Key Dates

WEEK 4

Wednesday 6 November

- Musical - Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, 6:00pm.

Thursday 7 November

- Year 12 SACE Exams
- Year 5 Camp, Mylor
- Poplars Camp, Robe
- Year 4 Swimming Lessons
- Year 7/8 Knockout Tennis (Boys and Girls) Olympic Park
- Year 11 Mass
- Underdale Soccer Incursion

Friday 8 November

- Year 12 SACE Exams
- Year 5 Camp, Mylor
- Poplars Camp, Robe
- Shearing School Excursion, 12pm, Yahl
- Year 4 Swimming Lessons

Saturday 9 November

- Year 6 Canberra Camp
- Working Bee, 8:00am

Sunday 10 November

- Year 6 Canberra Camp

WEEK 5

Monday 11 November

- Year 12 SACE Exams
- Year 6 Canberra Camp
- PE Week
- The Venerable Catherine McAuley Feast Day
- Remembrance Day Whole School Assembly, 12:30pm BHS

Tuesday 12 November

- Year 12 SACE Exams
- Year 6 Canberra Camp
- PE Week
- Year 9/10 Boys and Girls Basketball Finals
- Year 7-9 Girls Knockout Cricket, Bordertown
- SE Zone Lawn Bowls (Year 10) RSL Bowling Club

Wednesday 13 November

- Year 12 SACE Exams
- Year 6 Canberra Camp
- PE Week
- Years 7/8 Festival of Sport (Buroinjin and Tchoukball)

Thursday 14 November

- Year 12 SACE Exams
- Year 6 Canberra Camp Returns
- PE Week
- Year 9/10 Hospitality Industry Immersion
- Year 9 Mass 9:10am, TWC Chapel
- Reception Excursion, Valley Lakes

Friday 15 November

- Year 12 SACE Exams
- PE Week
- SAPSASA Come and Try Volleyball - Year 5, Wulanda
- Festival of Sport (Touch Football / Volleyball) Years 9/10

Saturday 16 November

- 9 Shine Camp Departs

Sunday 17 November

- 9 Shine Camp



Budding Artists Shine at Mount Gambier Show

Congratulations to all our budding artists who had entries in the Mount Gambier Show in 2025, it is wonderful to see our students creativity shine and to see them sharing their work with the wider community. Check out a few of the artworks below.

Rosie Chiesa – Other Medium Category (photo of Rosie with Digital Artwork)

Xavier Mugavin – Drawing Category (image of art work plus photo with Xavier holding artwork)

Abby Cox – Drawing Category (image of drawing)

Pictured Above Left Rosie Chiesa, Pictured Above Right Xavier Mugavin, Pictured Below Right, Artwork by Abby Cox

Julie Hopgood | Arts Teacher



Oscar Is Career Ready With Completion Of Certificate III In Fitness

Well done to Oscar Wilkinson for completing his Certificate III in Fitness over the last two years. This is a gruelling (pardon the pun!) course learning about all things to be work in the Fitness industry. This qualification will go towards Oscar's SACE completion, and ATAR, as it is a fully completed Certificate III. Well done Oscar, and best wishes for your fitness future!

Sharon Brodie | VET Coordinator



South East Primary Music Festival

On Thursday 31 October *Blaze Choir* were involved in the South East Primary Music Festival at the Sir Robert Helpman. The choir performed an incredible 14 songs with 200 students on stage from around the region. This is an amazing opportunity for our students to showcase their talents with soloist Molly Sutton wowing the audience. Our students have worked tirelessly and have dedicated hours of rehearsal time to representing Tenison Woods College on the stage. We are extremely proud of their efforts. Well done Blaze Choir.

Sarah Raymond and Tara Gladigau | Blaze Choir Directors

Wanted

Term 4 TRT's

All year levels: Early Learning - Year 12

Full or half days

Regular or occasional work available

Please email Kerry Dempsey
info@tenison.catholic.edu.au

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Community Noticeboard

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



Year 12 Students Acknowledged

Year 12 students Bradley Shelton and Ambah Beveridge have been celebrated for their achievements as Aboriginal students completing their Year 12 studies in 2024. They were honoured with a certificate from Catholic Education South Australia, acknowledging their hard work, resilience, and dedication to education. Additionally, both Bradley and Ambah received a unique 'Graduation Print'—an artwork signed and numbered by local artist David Booth. This special artwork not only commemorates their academic journey but also symbolizes their cultural heritage and community pride. Bradley and Ambah's accomplishments inspire younger students, showing what's possible through commitment to learning and cultural pride.

Pictured Above: Head of Senior School Kate Carroll, Fr Domingos, Ambah Beveridge, Bradley Shelton and Principal David Mezinec

Kate Carroll | Head of Senior School



Can You Offer Half An Hour This Saturday?

'Open Heart, Open Arms' Working Bee, This Saturday 9 November

Can you/your family offer half an hour this Saturday 9 November?

Our focus areas will be Barking of the White Avenue Garden Beds, also the Thomas Ryan / Home Ec / Moorak Garden Beds.

We'd love as much help as you can offer – any time you could spare would be appreciated.

Please bring any gardening equipment you think could be of use: gloves, barking pitch forks, wheelbarrows!

The working bee will commence at 8.00am. Morning tea and refreshments will be supplied with a BBQ available from 10.00am. For those able to assist on the day we ask that you please complete this online form at link below: <https://forms.office.com/r/fwsa7gNpz3>

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)



Year 11 Student Gabby Varcoe attains Certificate II in Animal Care

Huge congratulations to Gabby Varcoe from year 11, who recently finished her Certificate II in Animal Care through TAFE SA. Gabby undertook this through the VET for Schools Program and had to travel to Gillies Plains TAFE to undertake practical workshops and learnt a great deal of theory and practical strategies about animal care. Her favourite things included working with different varieties of animals and learning about each animal's needs while creating new friendships. Congratulations Gabby!

Sharon Brodie | VET Coordinator

SURF'S UP FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS AT CAPE BRIDGEWATER



ELCC GRANDPARENTS DAY



YEAR 8 EXPLORE CAMP TO ROBE: AN ADVENTURE TO REMEMBER

Over four unforgettable days and three nights, around 135 excited Year 8 students embarked on the highly anticipated Explore Camp to Robe. The camp provided a perfect blend of adventure, learning, and social bonding as students embraced the great outdoors while participating in enriching activities.

Staying at the scenic Robe Holiday Park, students pitched their tents and settled in for a few nights under the stars. Sleeping in tents brought a sense of camaraderie, and the camp's natural surroundings created an ideal backdrop for exploration and discovery.

Throughout the camp, students engaged in a variety of activities designed to foster both their Global Perspectives and Future Thinking skills. From thought-provoking discussions to hands-on experiences, the activities provided ample opportunities for learning while connecting with the beautiful landscape of Robe. The natural environment was the perfect classroom, inspiring curiosity and awareness about the world around us.

A standout highlight of the camp was a visit to the local Camel Farm. Students were amazed as they observed the milking of the camels or had the opportunity to go on a safari-style tour around the farm. The visit was topped off with a delicious treat: sampling camel milk ice cream, which added a unique and memorable twist to the experience.

The weather was on our side, with sunny days and clear. Working together in groups, students embraced new social connections, strengthening friendships and forming new ones in a supportive and engaging environment.

The Year 8 Explore Camp to Robe was a unique experience that left students with not only a deeper understanding of the world but also a treasure trove of memories to cherish.





TENISON WOODS COLLEGE'S
PRODUCTION OF

Disney
FROZEN JR.
TONIGHT

Music & Lyrics by
Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez

Book by
Jennifer Lee

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee
and directed by Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee

Director

Callum Piotr Byrne

Choreographer

Samara Hough

Vocal Director

Sarah Raymond

Band Director

Penny Mansell

Prop Master

Nathan Creedy

Wednesday 6th November 2024
Sir Robert Helpmann theatre,
10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier SA
5290

Ticket Prices:
Adult \$15
Concession \$10
Family (2A+2C) \$40

For tickets and further information go to:
www.helpmann.countryarts.org.au/

Disney's Frozen JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, New York, NY
212-541-4684 mtishows.com

YEAR 10 CONCEPT TO CONSTRUCTION GAIN INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE AT BUILD SITE

On Thursday 26 September our Year 10 Concept to Construction class were welcomed to the APCO Service Station construction site where they met with the very friendly and supportive Kennett Builders to take an in depth look at the work that goes into preparing and managing the underground structures in preparation for the above ground build. Caolan Buckley (Site Manager) and Rowan Povey (Site Manager) along with Tania Lathlean (People and Culture Business Partner) and Heidi Burgum-Mountford (People and culture coordinator) who specially flew down from the head office in Adelaide to meet the class, took our boys for a tour around the construction site discussing the civil and bulk earthworks process which plays an important role in setting up a well-presented project whilst also answering question and exploring pathways. Local contractor GT Civil Solutions had numerous machines in operation on-site.

The class was then lucky enough to have Caolan, Rowan, Tania and Heidi come to Tenison Woods College and view the boy's major projects. The Concept to Construction class have been working all semester to build dog kennels that resemble mini homes using 1st fix principles learnt during the course. Having the Kennett Builders team visit was invaluable as they were able to give specific feedback and tips on the builds. We thank the Kennett Builders team for all their time and support given and look forward to more visits in the future. The group have been welcomed back later this Term to look at how the project has progressed since their last visit.

Ciaran Buckley | Teacher





Are you interested in your child attending the Tenison Woods College Early Learning & Community Centre?

Submit your expression of interest to have them included on our waitlist – it's never too early to register.



Scan QR code to access form

early learning & community centre
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Monday

Little Golden Book Club
with special guests
'The Kimochis Characters'
Makers Space 2 - Downstairs
Lucy

Art Club
Makers Space 1 - Downstairs
Mrs Hopgood

Tuesday

Chess Club
Library
Mr Mustey

Star Wars Club
MacKillop JS - Upstairs MK603
Mr Lock

Wednesday

Puzzle Club
Reception Makers Space
Mrs Jeffrey

Pop Up Club
Library

Community Service Club
Meet at the tables near the
Front Office
Mrs Telford

Thursday

Construction & Colouring
MacKillop JS - Downstairs MK102
Mrs Little

'Luxurious Locks'
Makers Space 2
Mrs Snell

Prayer Garden Club
MacKillop JS - Downstairs MK303
Mrs Stephens

Friday

Craft Club
Reception Makers Space
Mrs Schebella

Christmas Art & Craft
Makers Space 2 - Downstairs
Mrs MCourt

LUNCH CLUBS





TIMOR LESTE EXCHANGE



YEAR 4 SWIMMING LESSONS

