

# Hope lights the way

**Tenison Woods College** Early Learning to Year 12 Co-Educational Catholic College

*Reminder:* **EARLY DISMISSAL** This Friday 2:15pm Junior School, 2:20pm Middle/Senior School

WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL 2025 ,WEEK 11, TERM 1

## CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION - "BIG WATER WALK"

Last Friday, we held our annual Caritas BIG Water Walk in which students walked laps of our oval whilst carrying water, challenging the students to consider those with less fortunate circumstances. The walk aims to raise awareness and walk in solidarity with those around the world who walk many kilometres for basic essentials (clean water, food, health care and education.) Our Mission Leaders presented to students across the College, discussing the circumstances of each person displayed on story boards and the meaning behind the Big Water Walk. Over \$1800 was raised by our College.



# From the Principal



## Visit from Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia

On Monday 7 April we were privileged to host Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, the 36th Governor of South Australia. Our School Captains, Year 9, 6 & Mission Student Leaders had the opportunity to engage in a meaningful question-and-answer session with Her Excellency, focused on the issues that matter most to young people today.

Students shared their perspectives and asked thoughtful questions to better understand Her Excellency's role, while also offering insights into the challenges facing youth — particularly around mental health and climate change. The student leaders proudly highlighted the sustainability work underway at Tenison Woods College and Her Excellency noted that we were the only school she could recall that had clearly set sustainability goals and shared such initiatives.

As a Student Representative Council member for South Australia, Travis Webster-Lawson prompted a discussion on whether the voting age should be lowered to 16 for local government elections, sparking valuable reflections from both Her Excellency and fellow students.

Her Excellency's engaging and confidence building approach ensured that this was a valuable and inspiring experience for our student leaders. Learn more about Her Excellency here: [About the Governor](#)



## End of Term Gratitude

This final newsletter for Term one provides an opportunity to reflect on the journey and give thanks for the many good things that have happened throughout the term. I congratulate students on their commitment to school life, which has been evident in application to learning experiences, school events and class activities.

I have seen many examples of staff, students and parents responding with a disposition where "hope lights the way" and in doing that commencing to realise, or be present, to their own talents and then indeed the talents of our community. Such journey starts small, but with confidence and support of those around us I am confident that we will see our commitment to serve others and make a significant positive impact on those around us in a variety of ways.

Such accentuation of hope has been expressed significantly through student, staff and parent efforts in relation to **Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Campaign**. The school's commitment to fund raising has been one rich expression of our community's desire to **"Unite Against Poverty"** by assisting those in need.

The groundwork established in Term one will provide a very good foundation for students to build upon in Term two. I trust students will find time this week to thank staff members for their work and parents for their support throughout the term.

## Volunteers – Thank you

It is also timely to reflect on the many people; students, staff, parents, and friends of Tenison Woods College, who have offered their time and talents to our community this term. Canteen helpers, working bee helpers, parents who listen to reading and support class activities, those who offer their talents to committees and officiate at school events all provide testimony to the generosity so rich in our community. I sincerely thank such people for their commitment to creating community through their service to our school.

## Lenten Season and Project Compassion – Unite Against Poverty

### Caritas BIG Water Walk – Friday 4 April

Thank you to the community who supported the annual Whole School Caritas

Event - Project Compassion BIG Water Walk. On this day, students were invited to make a donation to Project Compassion. Throughout the day, classes walked laps along a designated path on the Front Oval, being also tasked with different challenges at each stopping point, in solidarity with those worldwide who need to walk long distances for basic necessities and who do not have easy access to safe and drinkable water.



## Week 11- School Observance of Holy Week

This week is a significant week in preparing our students for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, as this year Holy Week falls in the school holidays.

We are having a 'School Observance' of Holy Week this week, where we will still journey through and reflect upon the events of Holy Week. Please note that this isn't Holy Week, but our opportunity whilst still at school to focus on these events with students.

As a Catholic School we ensure that the key messages of Lent continue through to Easter Sunday. These continue to be prayer, giving to those in need and living simply.

## Travis Webster-Lawson – SA SRC – Have your say!

I was delighted to meet with Travis Webster-Lawson, Year 10 student serving as a local representative on the South Australian Student Representative Council (SA SRC). Travis returned from his first meeting of the Council with Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP), Helen Connolly, and I was delighted to hear about the Council's work.

This year Travis' campaign group is focused on facilitating the discussion about lowering the local government election voting age from 18 to 16. Throughout the year, he will be working closely with students and local Members of Parliament to ensure that young people have a voice and can be heard.



To support the campaign, Travis would really appreciate it if students at Tenison Woods College could take 5 minutes to complete the survey below. Responses will provide Travis and the Council with key insights into what they should prioritise and what areas may need further development. <https://ccypsa.wufoo.com/forms/s181gcvo0erbzx3/>

## Free Internet Access

During 2025 the Federal Government is offering an initiative to provide students free internet access until 2028 through the National Broadband Network (NBN).

Called the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI), the program aims to provide NBN's 50 download/20 upload speed tier and is available for up to 30,000 families who meet some criteria:

- Have a school aged student at home (full or part time), enrolled in an Australian school (up to Year 12 including Reception).
- Not have an active NBN network internet service at your current residential address now or in the past 14 days (having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility).
- Live in a premise that can access the NBN network through a standard connection.



To check if you qualify and take advantage of the offer:

- Contact the National Referral Centre, on 1800 954 610 (Mon–Fri, 10am–6pm AEDT), or by clicking [here](#).
- Callback, webchat and interpreting services are also available.
- The National Referral Centre team will check your residential address and ask you some basic questions to determine if you qualify for the Initiative.

Full details about the program can be found at the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts website by clicking [here](#).

#### Care on the Shepherdson Road Driveway

I remind the community that speed on the Shepherdson Road 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.

#### 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)).

God Bless,  
David Mezinac | Principal



## CIM Team News



#### Project Compassion Caritas BIG Water Walk

Thank you to our generous school community for your donations on the day of the Caritas BIG Water Walk. Over \$1800 was raised on the day which will be donated to the Project Compassion Appeal, supporting the future projects of Caritas Australia.

#### Year 7 Reflection Days

On Monday and Tuesday, April 7 and 8, the Year 7 cohort travelled to Penola and the Mount Burr Swamp for their Year 7 Reflection Days. Below is a snapshot of the days-

##### Clare Flett- 7A

*Today we went to Mount Burr Swamp. We learnt about the history of the swamp and how there is currently not much water there because of drought. We participated in three activities: GPS, Walking the Seasons and a Nature Reflection. We were given a GPS, coordinates and questions and learnt about the animal species native to the area. We walked the area with Uncle Doug, learning about the natural environment. We also had time being in nature and drawing the things we saw. My favourite part was the GPS Tracking because we were able to explore the space (and find lollies!). Also spending time talking with Uncle Doug and learning how to use the native resources around us, like using sticks to make fire.*

##### Digby Stephens 7A

*Today we went to Penola and had Mass to begin the day to start off the experience. Following that, in groups, we went to Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre, St Joseph Room, School House, Cameron House and Petticot Lane. We learnt about the Sisters of St Joseph, including what they wore, and about Mary MacKillop and how she began teaching and grew closer to God. In Petticoat Lane we explored the old houses and building. I was amazed by how small the houses were compared to houses today, with not much living space. Petticoat Lane was my favourite part of the day.*

Thank you to Father Peter and the staff at the Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre, the Glenelg Nature Trust and Landscape Board SA for the time and planning put into making this a meaningful experience for our students.

#### Holy Week

Holy Week begins this Sunday. Holy Week is the week before Easter Sunday. It begins on Palm Sunday and ends on Holy Saturday. Easter is not part of Holy Week, but rather the beginning of the Easter season of the Liturgical year.

On Palm Sunday, we celebrate the triumphant entry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, into Jerusalem, riding a donkey. Later, when Jesus entered the Temple, he angrily drove out the money changers who had turned the Temple court into a place of business instead of devotion. Once the court was cleared, Jesus began teaching the masses.

The next major event in Holy Week is Holy Thursday. On this day, Jesus celebrated the Passover feast with the disciples. We know this feast as the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist. After supper, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and prayed. Jesus was arrested on the night of Holy Thursday. The next day is Good Friday, and on this day, we commemorate the trial, punishment, and crucifixion of Our Lord.

Throughout this week, all classes have been involved in learning about and commemorating the significant events of Holy Week.

#### Easter

Easter is the greatest celebration in the Catholic church. The Easter season lasts for 50 days. At Easter we 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 Easter falls in the school holidays, so we will reflect on Easter when students return to school.

#### Giving of Easter Eggs

Part of the tradition of Easter Sunday is the giving of eggs as a symbol of new life and joy. It is from Easter Sunday, that we enter the season of Easter with 50 days of joy and celebration until Pentecost. Students who do wish to share the joy of Easter with their friends or class mates are asked to refrain from doing so at school until after Easter.

#### Term 1 Masses in the College Chapel

Mass takes place every Thursday at 9:10 am in our school chapel, with a different year level preparing for and attending the Mass each week. We welcome family and community members to attend. The final Mass for this term is- Week 11: Thursday, April 10- 9:10am Year 6 Mass

#### From the Parish

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

Holy Week and Easter SERVICES	
ST PAUL'S, MT GAMBIER	
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> SAT 12 april SUN 13 april MON 14 april WED 16 april	6PM MASS 11AM MASS 9AM MASS 6PM MASS
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> THU 17 april	7PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 5:30-6:30PM CONFESSIONS CHURCH OPEN UNTIL 12AM
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> FRI 18 april	11AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3PM LORD'S PASSION 4:5PM CONFESSIONS
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> SAT 19 april	7PM VIGIL MASS
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> SUN 20 april	11AM EASTER MASS

Please click [here](#) for regional Holy Week and Easter Service times.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE 2025

Diocese	Diocese	Diocese	Diocese	Diocese	Diocese	Diocese	Diocese	Diocese	Diocese
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### Father Olek's Farewell

A farewell Mass for Fr. Olek will be celebrated at 11.00am on Easter Monday 21 April (the public holiday) in St Paul's Church, Penola Road. After Mass there will be a shared lunch at the Pam Ronan Centre at Tenison Woods College. Please bring along a plate of food to share. It was previously advertised as being held in the Parish Hall, however, the hall will be used this year as a pre-polling station for the Australian Federal Election. All are welcome!

We will extend a warm welcome to Father Prathap Katta who will be joining Father Peter Zwaans in the Mount Gambier Parish following Father Olek's departure. Father Prathap is currently Assistant Priest in the Brighton Parish.

### Family Mass and Children's Choir Practice

Mass at St Paul's this Sunday, 13 April, at 11am will be a Family Mass for Palm Sunday. Children from the College and St Paul's Parish help to lead the Mass. St Paul's Children's Choir will be singing at Family Mass this Sunday. Children's choir practice will be held at 6.00pm in the Choir Loft at St Paul's Church this Thursday, 10 April.

Family Mass is followed by morning tea in the Gathering Space of the church. Students in Reception to Year 6 are encouraged to attend.

### Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Our parish is hoping to send a delegation of young people from Year 9 to Year 12 to the 2025 Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne. This three-day festival, running from Sunday, November 30 to Tuesday, December 2, will bring together thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable experience of faith, community, and celebration. The festival is a great opportunity for the youth of our parish to connect with other young Catholics, and to share and deepen their faith and relationship with Christ.

If you, or a young person you know, would like to be part of our delegation or would like more information, please contact [youth@mtgcatholic.org.au](mailto:youth@mtgcatholic.org.au) closes 11 April.



Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator

## Lost Property



If you notice your child has any lost property, please visit the front office to check if they have been found and turned into the lost property box.

**Any un-named belongings will be donated during the school holidays.**

Additionally, we strongly advise that any uniform or personal items be labelled with your child's name to reduce the chance of becoming lost.

Tracey Davey | Office Manager



## Upcoming Key Dates

### WEEK 11 - TERM 1

#### Thursday 10 April

- School Observation of Holy Week
- Year 8 Caving and Surfing Camp C (Burston)

#### Friday 11 April

- School Observation of Holy Week
- End of Term Early Finish R-6 2:15pm, Years 7-12 2:20pm

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - Monday 14th April - Friday 25 April

### WEEK 1 - TERM 2

#### Monday 28 April

- School Resumes

#### Wednesday 30 April

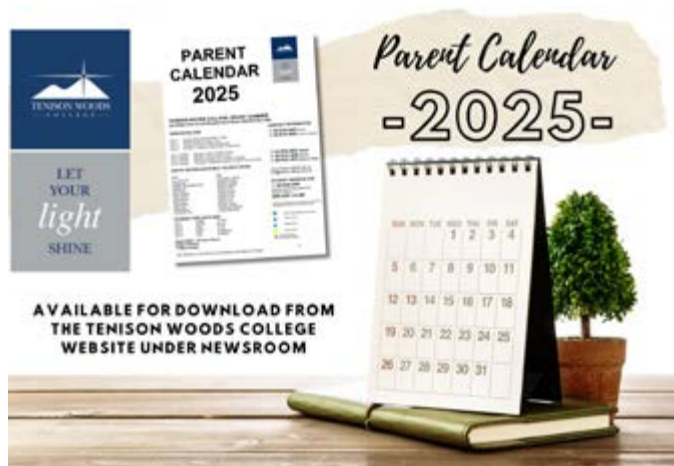
- South East Cattle Handlers Workshop 8:40am
- MFS Road Awareness Program (Year 11) 9:00am
- A Night of Jazz 6:00pm

#### Thursday 1 May

- South East Cattle Handlers Workshop 8:40am

#### Friday 2 May

- Generations in Jazz I The Barn (all day)



See our Parent Calendar [here](#) for Holy Week dates and ELCC and OSHC opening times during the holiday break.





# JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT - TERM 2 PREVIEW



As we look ahead to Term 2, there's plenty of excitement on the horizon for Junior School Sport at Tenison Woods College. Our SAPSASA calendar continues to offer students a range of opportunities to represent the Lower South East and challenge themselves in new ways.

Week 2 kicks off with trials for the SAPSASA Girls Netball team, followed closely by our annual pilgrimage to Naracoorte for the Cross Country event on Friday, 9 May – a highlight on the sporting calendar and a fantastic day of participation, endurance and school spirit.

In Week 5, we wish our SAPSASA AFL Football players all the best as they head to Adelaide to take part in the State Carnival, an incredible opportunity to compete against students from across South Australia.

Then in Week 7, aspiring soccer stars will have their chance to shine at the SAPSASA Soccer Trials.

Closer to home, our Reception and Year 1 students will begin their Water Safety Lessons, an important program designed to build water confidence and essential safety skills in and around aquatic environments.

Please note that Tenison will not be hosting Auskick, this year we encourage families to seek out information about this fantastic introductory football program through one of the local football clubs in our region.

Term 2 promises to be full of opportunities for our young athletes to grow, compete, and represent our school community with pride.

**Tina Opperman** | R-6 Sports Coordinator





# VISIT FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE FRANCES ADAMSON GOVERNOR OF SA

On Monday, we were honoured to host Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, the 36th Governor of South Australia, in her visit to the Limestone Coast. Her Excellency met with student leaders for a question-and-answer session about what is important to us and our community. We thank Her Excellency for taking the time out her very busy schedule to visit our College.







A huge congratulations to the following students who have made it to the final LSE SAPSASA footy team in 2025. Well done to all of the boys that trialed. These boys will play in the State Carnival in week 5 of next term.

- Lenni O'Dine
- Ryder Sealey
- Zachary Howard
- Ned Kamphuis
- Brock Lewis
- Mitch Lewis
- Harry Sneath
- William Gannon
- David Kulimushi

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator

## Chess Tournament Success



We congratulate Rian Raghesh who has won second prize in the Primary and Secondary Chess Victoria Zonal Tournament competing against 36 other avid chess players. This accomplishment is a testament to his hard work and dedication. We sincerely appreciate the teachers and friends who have been so instrumental in Rian's Chess journey.



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

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

Leanne Sandow | Canteen Manager



## DO YOU HAVE A HAND TO HELP?

Once again, the Timor Leste group will be fundraising for our sister school in Hatolia, and other communities in need by ushering at the annual **Generations in Jazz** event held in Mount Gambier. This is one of their biggest fundraisers, and they are seeking parent volunteers to assist.

If you can help on **Friday, 2 May**, for the opening concert, **Saturday, 3 May**, in the big tent listening to the top schools compete, or on **Saturday night** for the BIG concert and the awards on **Sunday, 4 May**, please send an email to Bernadette Fisher at [bernaf@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bernaf@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

Any time you can spare is greatly appreciated.

## Term 2 & 3 Uniform Reminders

With the change of weather upon us this is a reminder that students transition to Winter Uniform for Term 2 and 3. Over the holidays, please take the time to check your child's Winter uniform especially the length of the girl's winter skirts, which should be **below the knee** and may need adjusting during the break.

The Uniform Shop is fully stocked with warmer options including: Rain jackets and softshell jackets, male and female pants, track pants and rugby jumpers.

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



## Uniform Shop

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

Wednesday 23 April  
9am – 2pm

Thursday 24 April  
9am – 2pm

**Online Store**

To access the online Uniform Shop please [click here](#).

Kylie Watson | Uniform Shop



# YEAR 7 REFLECTION DAYS

On Monday and Tuesday, April 7 and 8, the Year 7 students travelled to Penola and the Mount Burr Swamp for their Year 7 Reflection Days. In Penola, the day began with Mass at St Joseph's Church. Students then visited the Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre, the School House, Petticoat Lane and Stable Park, to focus on two of our College Founders. On returning to Mount Gambier, students visited St. Paul's Catholic Church, with a particular focus on the stained-glass windows.

A critical element to the Year 7 retreat is the immersive experience at Mount Burr Swamp. Students undertook 3 activities designed to strengthen their connection to Country and appreciation for our local landscapes. Jess from Nature Glenelg Trust, guided the students through a GPS scavenger hunt across the site that highlighted some of the unique species present within and surrounding the swamp. Uncle Doug and Mel from Landscape Board Limestone Coast, conducted their enlightening 'Walking The Seasons' program, in which students learn to identify the unique characteristics of our Boandik seasonal calendar. Whilst Miss Brauer and Mr Raymond encouraged connection to nature through art, and some deep conversations surrounding biodiversity and seeking balance for our natural habitats, waterscapes, agriculture and industry for future generations. Students demonstrated remarkable reverence and engagement, listening deeply to Country and God's gift of creation.

Staff were very impressed with their enthusiasm for learning and the strengthened connections made with each other, the Founders, their parish and their environment.

**Chris Lloyd** | 7-12 CIM Leader    **Chris Raymond** | Outdoor Education Teacher





# YEAR 7 MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENINGS

**Monday 5 May**  
**6.45pm**

2026 NARACOORTE YEAR 7 MIDDLE SCHOOL  
INFORMATION EVENING  
Naracoorte Town Hall.

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**Tuesday 6 May**  
**9:00am**

PRINCIPAL TOUR AT TENISON WOODS COLLEGE  
Tenison Woods College Front Office  
Open to all prospective families.

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**Wednesday 7 May**  
**6:00pm**

2026 YEAR 7 MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING  
AT TENISON WOODS COLLEGE  
Pam Ronan Centre, Tenison Woods College.

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**Monday 12 May**  
**6.45pm**

2026 MILLICENT YEAR 7 MIDDLE SCHOOL  
INFORMATION EVENING  
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School.

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**Tuesday 20 May**  
**6.45pm**

2026 PENOLA YEAR 7 MIDDLE SCHOOL  
INFORMATION EVENING  
Mary MacKillop Memorial Primary School.





# LUNCHTIME SCIENCE CLUB

Year 12 students Ellah David and Tilly Salmon have been demonstrating excellent leadership and passion for science, working during lunchtime with different year levels each week to have some science fun with kids. These young minds have been simply amazed by the different experiments they have been doing, and science that they have been learning about. This week, Year 1 students worked with static electricity, travelling water, and repelling dyed milk with detergent.





# GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Thursday 4 April, the Year 9 leaders, as well as class representatives from Year 7 and 8 travelled to Uni SA for the GRIP Student Leadership Conference. Students engaged with many schools across the Limestone Coast and South Western Victoria learning about themes such as responsibilities of a student leader, creating school events everyone can connect to, being a leader who supports others and tackling something at our school that feels impossible. Students had the choice of selected short seminars in topics of interest or need and were able to provide valuable insights to areas of improvement in our school. Next week the leaders will be meeting to discuss our next step of growth. Student leaders from Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 also attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. The day was full of fun activities and inspiring sessions, where students learned new leadership skills and how to be positive role models in our school. We look forward to evolving some of these ideas back at Tenison Woods College.



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# TRINITY COLLEGE NETBALL VISIT

This week, our talented Year 8 Netball Academy students hosted a fantastic friendly interschool carnival, welcoming teams from Trinity College and Millicent High School. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with peers from other schools, consolidate their in class learning, and showcase their growing skill sets on the court. It was great to see so many of our students in action, playing alongside and against friends from across the various Limestone Coast netball associations—a true celebration of community and teamwork.





## Interschool Equestrian

For the first time Tenison Woods College had a team of competitors at the State Inter-School Equestrian Championships.

Lyla Woolston, Stella Marcus and Samantha Forster had huge success throughout their events to take home 3rd place overall for their efforts.

The College are very proud of their performances which included multiple placings in various events with their overall awards being:

**Lyla:**

- State Primary Dressage Reserve Champion

**Stella:**

- Champion Intermediate Show Hunter with horse Rivington Folk Rock
- Reserve Champion Show Hunter with horse Rivington Gale Force
- State Champion Intermediate Show Horse with horse Rivington Folk Rock

**Samantha:**

- Champion Secondary Showhorse with horse Hvirfs Gracious
- Reserve Champion Secondary Working Hunter with horse Cash Splash
- 3rd Overall Secondary Show Hunter with horse Hillington Rossi



*Lyla Woolston*



*L-R - Samantha Forster and Stella Marcus*

## Year 9 Biology

In Future Thinking, Year 9 students are currently looking at plant parts and the reproduction of plants. In a recent science lesson, they learnt how to use microscopes to see these parts in greater definition, and even on a cellular level.





# Year 4 Students Dive into Sustainability

Our Year 4 students have been exploring the importance of environments and the sustainable management of resources. As part of their learning, they had the fantastic opportunity to visit our school's very own Project Recology Shed and Pop Shop. Students saw firsthand how food scraps from our kitchens, canteen, Sugarloaf Cafe, and yard organics bins are transformed into nutrient-rich soil enhancers that are used around our College. They discovered the creative process of repurposing bottle tops into new products like soap dishes, plant pots, and pens to be sold by our Poplars students, and in place of new materials to refurbish and create furniture. A highlight of the visit was a fun guessing challenge, where some students won a prize for correctly estimating that it takes 50 bottle tops to make a single soap dish! This hands-on experience showed them the power of recycling & sustainable resource management in our community.

Kelly Lockwood | Year 4 Teacher





# PERFORMING ARTS

# Tour

CURRENT YEAR 8-11 STUDENTS



## SEPTEMBER 2026 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

2 WEEKS - LOS ANGELES & NEW YORK CITY

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OPEN UNTIL 2 MAY

CONTACT [VANZM@TENISON.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU](mailto:VANZM@TENISON.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU)

PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOPS  
BROADWAY SHOWS  
"MAKE A MOVIE" WORKSHOP  
GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM  
NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS  
GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY  
VENICE BEACH  
DISNEYLAND  
SANTA MONICA PIER



LET  
YOUR  
*light*  
SHINE



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# COLLEGE'S OBSERVATION OF HOLY WEEK

For prayer on Wednesday morning, the Receptions had a special washing of the feet ceremony in their piazza, inspired by Jesus' washing of the disciple's feet.







# Breakfast Club 2025

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Trent Eitzen to  
offer your assistance  
[eitzt@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:eitzt@tenison.catholic.edu.au)



## Are you hungry?

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

Quick & Easy

Start your  
day right at

## Breakfast Club

Delicious



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





# FAREWELL FATHER OLEK STIRRAT

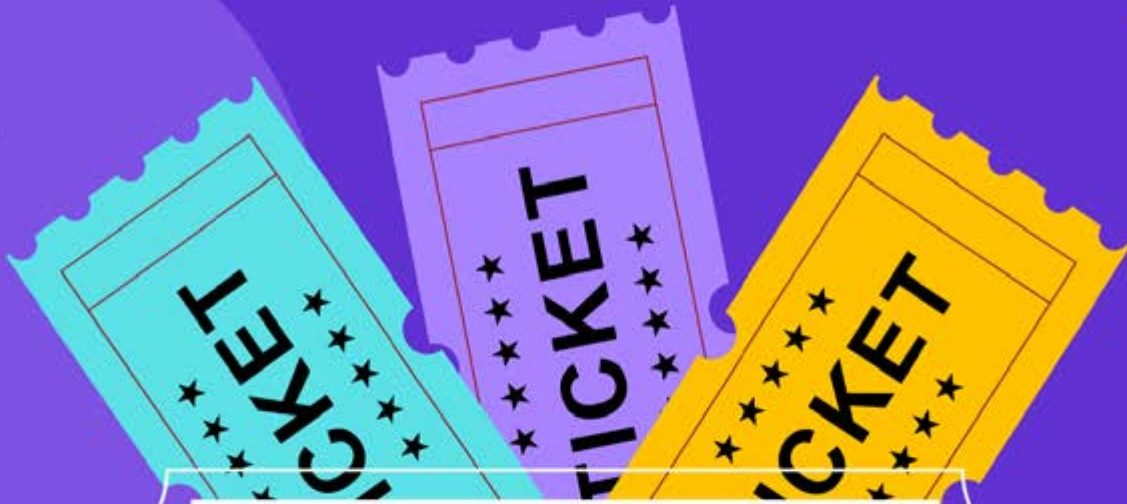


THANK YOU AND FAREWELL FATHER OLEK. WE WILL MISS YOUR INFECTIOUS WARMTH, POWERFUL INSIGHTS AND WONDERFUL SENSE OF HUMOUR. THE VERY BEST OF WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUING INSPIRATIONAL MINISTRY AND PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD A SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR HEARTS.

LOVE, THE TENISON WOODS COLLEGE COMMUNITY.



MR TAYLORS SOCIETY AND CULTURE CLASS PRESENTS



# **CARITAS** *RAFFLE*

**\$1 PER TICKET**

**Drawn this Friday  
at Recess in the  
PRC office - All  
Welcome to  
attend**

**DRAWN WEEK 11, FRIDAY**

**SEE LEANNE AT THE PRC TO BUY TICKETS !!**

**ALL FUNDS COLLECTED GO TOWARDS CARITAS  
AUSTRALIA**



# END OF TERM 1 WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - GALLERY





# School Holiday Programs for Children

April Vacation Care	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	GOOD FRIDAY
	<b>MAKEDO DAY</b> Collaborate to make a large structure. Maybe a castle, bus, spaceship or plane. 	<b>Colour Green Day</b> Dress in green, do green activities and eat green food. Everything is green today. 	<b>Wheels Day</b> Bring your bike/scooter to for the day. <b>Don't forget your helmet. NO helmet NO riding.</b> 	<b>Easter Arts and Crafts</b> Make an Easter basket for home. Make HOT CROSS BUNS. 	<b>Good Friday</b> <b>OSHC CLOSED</b> 
	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b> Easter Monday <b>OSHC CLOSED</b> 	<b>TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b> Easter Egg Hunt Joy week activities Scavenger Hunt around the school for Easter symbols. 	<b>WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b> ANZAC DAY ACTIVITIES Make a poppy wreath to lay at the memorial in Vansittart Park. Make ANZAC BISCUITS for afternoon tea. 	<b>THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> April</b> Vansittart Playground Visit Play at Vansittart Park and visit the Memorial in the park. 	<b>FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> April</b> ANZAC DAY <b>OSHC CLOSED</b> 


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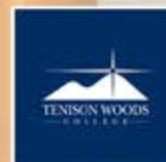
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We wish all families a happy and safe school holiday break, as well as an enjoyable and reflective Easter period.

See you back for Term 2 on Monday April 28.



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