



# Open Heart Open Arms

WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2024 WEEK 2, TERM 2

## GENERATIONS IN JAZZ

Over the weekend the Tenison Woods College Senior Vocal and Showband joined 6000 school students from around Australia at Mount Gambier's own Generations in Jazz Festival.

Competing in the Division 5 Band Competition and Division 2 Vocals our students proudly represented both themselves and the Mount Gambier Community. A magnificent weekend filled with music, perseverance and fun! Well done to all students and staff involved.



# From the Principal



## Generations in Jazz Weekend

I congratulate the many staff, students and parents who participated enthusiastically in the Generations in Jazz Festival last weekend; an outstanding expression of jazz music, youthful enthusiasm and passionate learning.

A special thanks to all the staff who offered their time and talents to ushering at three concerts during the event, raising funds to support our Timor Leste sisters and brothers.

Thanks to all adults who supported the weekend. As I often say, when students shine you generally have wonderfully committed teachers and parents supporting them. Finally a sincere and appreciative thanks to the students who represented the College so well during the weekend through their musicianship, enthusiasm and collaborative endeavours.

## 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? Register here for this very significant parent and carer event [click here](#).

## 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; 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:Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au)

## Attendance – The First Step – Duty of Care

The way Tenison Woods College cares for each learner commences with its diligence in relation to school attendance. That is not only because each child or adolescent matters unequivocally, but also because the College has a significant legal obligation to accurately record student attendance. As such our collaborative approach with carers and parents in relation to this issue is foundational to our partnership. As such:

- If a student is absent, parents/carers are asked to either,
  - (1) call the absentee phone line 8724 4659 and leave a message or
  - (2) send a text message to 0429 134 568 or
  - (3) provide an email to their Pastoral Care teacher stating your child's name, their homegroup, and the reason they are away for the day.
  - (4) SEQTA Engage - Attendance notified absences
- Students must sign in at the school office using the Kiosk (R-6 at the Front Office, 7-9 Middle School Student Office & 10-12 at the Pam Ronan Centre) if they arrive at school after 8.45am.
- If a student needs to leave early, parent communication to the college is required to confirm arrangements, prior to signing out at the Kiosk.
- If a student is to be absent from school for a one-week period or more, a pre-arranged exemption form is to be completed and forwarded to the Principal for approval.
- An SMS will be sent (0429 134 568) if a parental call has not been made to confirm absence and also to provide an opportunity to confirm a reason for a students' absence.

## Food Allergy Awareness – awareness, avoidance and action

Living with the risk of a severe allergic reaction, or anaphylaxis, takes planning, diligence and clear communication. At Tenison Woods College we believe that our community has a significant role in supporting those who live with the risk, so that through awareness, education and training they and their families can lead normal, healthy lives.

The website [www.allergyfacts.org.au](http://www.allergyfacts.org.au) offers support for individuals, parents and carers of people living with this risk, supporting the critical more personalised treatment and care. We encourage anyone who suspects they may have an allergy or those who have already been diagnosed to consult their allergist, immunologist, paediatrician or GP for personalised treatment and care. This includes regular follow-up so that they can access up to date information on managing their risk of anaphylaxis, and communicating that information to our staff so that our community can support them in the best possible way.

## 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 on 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 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 College

God Bless,  
David Meziniec | Principal

*Mother's Day  
Breakfast*

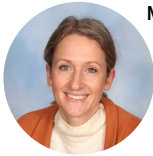
**We invite you to our annual  
Mother's Day Breakfast.**

*Join us for a relaxing morning, as we honour the women in our lives and celebrate motherhood at our special Mother's Day Breakfast to be held in the Barrie Holmes Stadium on **Friday 10 May** from **7.20am - 8.20am.***

*A light breakfast of croissants will be provided by the Sugarloaf Cafe, with a gold coin donation per person appreciated.*

*Children are encouraged to attend the breakfast with you.*

# CIM Team News



## Mother's Day Breakfast

This Friday we are hosting our annual Mother's Day Breakfast. The breakfast will be taking place in the Barrie Holmes Stadium from 7:20am-8:20am. A special prayer service for Mother's Day will take place during the breakfast soon after 8:00am.

As this is a catered event, **registration for this event has now closed** to allow for the Sugarloaf Cafe to order and prepare the food. If you have registered your attendance but are no longer able to attend, please let us know. Should you require any further information, 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)

The Timor Leste group will have a small stall of goods for purchase if you would like to bring along your spare change. All funds raised from the stall will be taken to Timor Leste in July.

## 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.



## National Families Week

From 13- 19 May we celebrate families! National Families Week is held every year around this time. The theme for this year is: Celebrating Family Diversity & Connections. Families come in all shapes and sizes and are as diverse as the world around us. Every family is unique. In National Families Week 2024 we encourage you to celebrate the commonalities and differences between your family and other families. Take a moment this week to pray a simple prayer for our families.



*Thank you God, for our family.*

*Help us to care for each other, to thank each other and to listen to each other.*

*Help us to forgive each other and to look for the best in each other.*

*Amen*

## Year 11 Retreat

Today the Year 11 students and staff have travelled 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 to be in the world. Keep your eye of the Tenison Woods College Facebook page for updates!

## 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.

## Upcoming Masses:

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

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator



## Week 2 SHINEfm Podcast

Tune in to our Term 2, Week 2 edition of the SHINEfm Podcast as we speak to Sarah Raymond about the massive weekend of Generations in Jazz. We congratulate all our musicians who did an amazing job.

Listen on Spotify - <https://rb.gy/ljk4df>

Listen on our website - <https://rb.gy/4lml6s>



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

# IMPORTANT DATES



## Upcoming Key Dates

### Week 2

#### 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 Count - Naracoorte
- Year 4-6 Assembly | 2:05pm
- Year R-1 Assembly | 2:40pm

### Week 3

#### Monday 13 May

- 2025 Scholarship Applications Advertised
- Year 8 Caving and Surf Camp - Robe/Naracoorte

#### Tuesday 14 May

- Education Support Officer Appreciation Day
- Auskick | 3:30pm - 4:15pm

#### Wednesday 15 May

- Year 7-11 TWC Cross Country | 2:00pm

#### Thursday 16 May

- HPSP SEDA Trial Games (Netball & Football) | All Day | Monivae College (Hamilton, Victoria)
- Reception Illustrator Visit | 9am | Reception Maker Space
- POPLARS Swimming Lessons | 10am

#### Saturday 18 May

- Sacrament Family Session 2 | 2:00pm | St Paul's Hall

### Week 4

#### Monday 20 May

- Term 3 Reception Information Evening | 6:15pm
- Year 1 Swimming Lessons

#### Tuesday 21 May

- Fab Five Art and Science Workshop | 10:00am
- Year 1 Swimming Lessons
- Auskick | 3:30pm - 4:15pm

#### Wednesday 22 May

- National Simultaneous Storytime
- Year 10 Bushwalking Camp
- Year 7/8 Boys and Girls Basketball | St. Francis de Sales College



## SAPSASA News

Towards the end of Term 1, trials for the LSE SAPSASA AFL Boys trials took place. Selections were finalised last week and we congratulate the following boys who made the team. We congratulate all the boys who trialled; there were lots of boys who took part.

Brock Lewis - Year 5  
Chase Noonan - Year 6  
Liam Salmon - Year 6  
Louis Prospero-Porta - Year 6  
Maison Roscow - Year 6  
Mitch Lewis - Year 5  
Riley Chapman - Year 6  
Rowan Patzel - Year 6  
Zachary Howard - Year 5

Good Luck to the long list of Tenison Woods College girls who took part in the LSE SAPSASA Netball trials this week.

On Friday, myself, a few teachers and lots of eager runners will make our way to Naracoorte for the annual Cross Country event. It's always a great day out with students pushing themselves past their comfort zone to run either 1.3km, 1.8km or 2.5km. Official results will be posted after the event.

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



## Help needed for our Agriculture Class

Our Agriculture class has the opportunity to participate in a shearing school this term.

However, they need access to 20-30 woolly sheep and a single stand shed with enough room to accommodate a dozen people for wool handling within 20-30 minutes of Mount Gambier.

If anyone would be able to help with this in Week 8, 9 or 10 of Term 2 please let Mrs Judy Jenkin know asap or alternatively get in touch with the school for an email address to contact. Any help is greatly appreciated.

## Uniform Shop

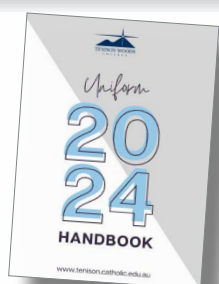
### Opening Hours

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





## GRIP Student Leadership

On Thursday 2 May the Middle School Council representatives went 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 how to make our events really matter, the sacrifices of a student leader, how to make improvements to school culture and being a student leadership team that takes steps forward.

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. We look forward to evolving some of these ideas back at Tenison Woods College.



## 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



## University of South Australia Graduation

Congratulations to College staff members, Rebecca Ansell and Moesha Canala who celebrated their University of South Australia graduation at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre on Friday, both graduating with a Bachelor of Primary Education (Honours).

The Tenison Woods College community are proud of you and all of the hard work you have put in to your studies!



## Auskick 2024

Calling all budding AFL Stars!

Auskick is an introduction to Australian Football and invaluable life skills. With game-based activities kids love, learning is disguised as playing. You don't need Aussie Rules experience - children can start Auskick in the calendar year they turn 5! We want girls to feel comfortable and safe playing our games and encourage girls to participate. If we have the numbers, we will run an all-girls group rotating through the activities!

Sessions will be running on the Tenison Woods College oval, Tuesday's from 3:30pm-4:15pm.

Registrations can be made by: [Clicking Here](#)

If you need help with  
**SEQTA**  
 Engage  
 email - [connect@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:connect@tenison.catholic.edu.au)



# 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.*

# 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.

# Issue 3 Out Now!



**SCHOLASTIC Book Club**

## 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



# ICAS assessments

## 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.

### 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 the full document.

Chris Lloyd | Online Assessment Coordinator



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# Breakfast Club 2024

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

## 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)

# CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY





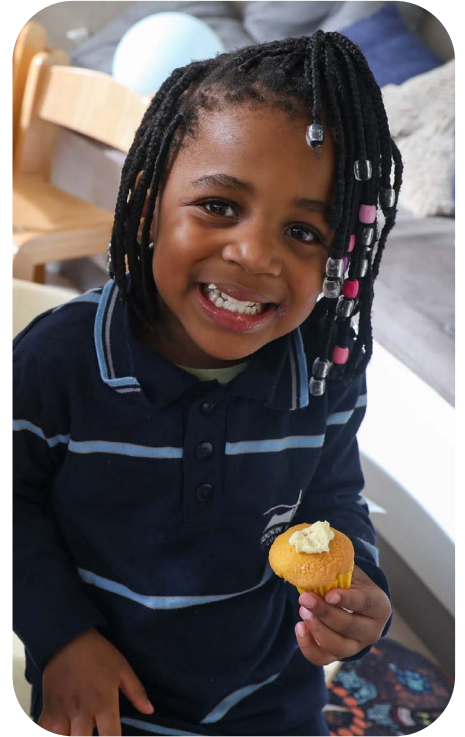
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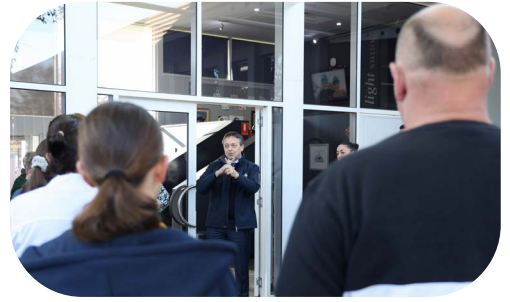
# ELCC 10TH BIRTHDAY - TIME CAPSULE



# ELCC 10TH BIRTHDAY - PARTY



# PRINCIPAL'S TOUR



## 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

## LUNCH CLUBS





**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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