



Open Heart Open Arms

WEDNESDAY 3 JULY 2024 WEEK 10, TERM 2

TIMOR-LESTE TRIP 1 DEPARTS

Bon Voyage! Our first group of 2024 Timor-Leste Immersion participants arrived in Dili on Sunday afternoon! We look forward to following their important work and experiences over the coming week. This trip marks the 11th Timor-Leste Immersion for the College

Read about the students first few days in Timor-Leste, and about their stay at the Dominican Orphanage. Follow the Blog - [Click here](#)



Reminder Early Departure - Friday 5 July 2:20pm

Student Free Day - Monday 22 July

From the Principal



Open Hearts and Open Arms this Term

As second term draws to a close on Friday, students will be given the opportunity to pause and reflect on the invitations to 'open our hearts and open our arms' throughout the term. This term has provided many opportunities for students to be engaged in a variety of learning experiences and it is for these experiences that gratitude is expressed. Most importantly we are challenged to reflect on our relationships and how we have supported one another to be the best we can be with an 'open heart and open arms.' At this time, I thank Teachers, and Support Staff for the way they have nurtured relationships that have called students to move beyond themselves and think of others, drawing out that care for others as a powerful way of realising their own potential.

South East Catholic Schools Combined Board Meeting – A Great Success
Tenison Woods College was delighted to host the South East Catholic Schools Combined Board Meeting, on Wednesday 26 June in the PRC Lecture Theatre.

Boards from Mary MacKillop Memorial School, Penola, St Anthony's Catholic School, Millicent, and Tenison Woods College, Mount Gambier, enjoyed a presentation from Father Peter Zwaans, who spoke about "Serving on a Catholic School Board." Uby Faddoul, Manager - Strategy and Growth, CESA, helped us reflect on "School Growth & Sustainability - South East Demographics and Enrolments," while Trish Jarvis, Executive Officer, Catholic School Parents SA, reflected on being "Parents in a Catholic School."

Special thanks to Mary de Nys, the College's Public Relations and Events Team, and our talented Sugarloaf Café and Hospitality Academy Staff and Students, who offered wonderful hospitality, a first rate ambience and outstanding cuisine to our guests.

Such evenings are critical to the development of strong relationships between our school communities and ultimately the positive future of Catholic Education in our South East region.



NAIDOC Week – 7–14 July. Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud
NAIDOC Week 2024 will be held from Sunday 7 July to Sunday 14 July. The NAIDOC 2024 theme 'Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud' celebrates the unyielding spirit of our communities and invites all to stand in solidarity, amplifying the voices that have long been silenced.

The fire represents the enduring strength and vitality of Indigenous cultures, passed down through generations despite the challenges faced. It is a symbol of connection to the land, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As we honour this flame, we kindle the sparks of pride and unity, igniting a renewed commitment to acknowledging, preserving, and sharing the cultural heritage that enriches our nation.

"Blak, Loud and Proud" encapsulates the unapologetic celebration of Indigenous identity, empowering us to stand tall in our heritage and assert our place in the modern world. This theme calls for a reclamation of narratives, an amplification of voices, and an unwavering commitment to justice and equality. It invites all Australians to listen, learn, and engage in meaningful dialogue, fostering a society where the wisdom and contributions of Indigenous peoples are fully valued and respected.

Through our collective efforts, we can forge a future where the stories, traditions, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are cherished and celebrated, enriching the fabric of the nation with the oldest living culture in the world.

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to

participate in a range of activities and to support our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Whether it's seeking proper environmental, cultural and heritage protections, Constitutional change, a comprehensive process of truth-telling, working towards treaties, or calling out racism, NAIDOC Week underlines the critical point that we must do it together.

Concluding Staff

As we conclude a very successful semester, we thank the following staff who have been part of that story of success, as they conclude their service at Tenison Woods College:

- Georgia Bald Classroom Education Support Officer
- Brayden Burston Classroom Education support Officer
- Nick Kourmouzis Grounds and Maintenance Officer
- Alex Popovich Technology Teacher
- Heidi James Year 4 Teacher
- Sarah McDowell FLC Teacher
- Julie Halman ELLC Educator
- Georgia Asimakopoulous Child Studies Teacher

At this time of transition I wish these staff the very best in the next stage of their life journey.

Staff Taking Leave

We also wish the following staff the very best as they take some leave in Term 3:

- Barb Fox Global Perspectives Key Teacher
- Mirella Prosperi-Porta Reception Teacher
- Gemma Agnew Poplars and Administration Support

Staff Returning From Leave

The following staff are resuming their service at the College:

- Ciaran Buckley HPE and Technology Teacher
- Donna Johnson Food and Child Studies
- Allana Madigan Food and Child Studies
- Ashleigh Pfitzner Year 1 Teacher
- Bec Edwards Secondary School Teacher

New Staff – Term 3

We welcome the following staff in Term 3:

- Jeannine Birch Year 4 Teacher
- Alexandra Bennett Middle School Classroom Education Support Officer
- Chandalin Crouch Cleaner
- Grace Ruby Café School Based Trainee
- Kirsty Turner Laboratory Assistant

Assuming New Roles

The staff below are transitioning to new roles in Term 3 and we wish them the very best in their evolved service to the College community:

- Judy Hill Rejoining the College Team to support in a variety of areas.
- Kiah Connolly Continues in a permanent position with Public Relations and Events Team.
- Laura Whitehead Moves from the ELCC to become a Reception Teacher.

Calvary English School Visit 21 July – 9 August

Thank you to families who have opened their homes to our Japanese 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.

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.

School Card Support

Families who would like support to meet school fee commitment are urged to apply for School Card. Eligible school card recipients will receive a 50% discount off tuition fees. School card qualification criteria is outlined below.

Number of Dependent Children	Combined Annual Income (before tax)	Gross Family Income Limit	Gross Weekly Income Limit (before tax)
1	\$70,994		\$1,365
2	\$72,262		\$1,390
3	\$73,530		\$1,414
4	\$74,798		\$1,439
5	\$76,066		\$1,463
Each additional dependent child	\$1,268		\$25

For families who meet the criteria (for the taxable year ending 30 June 2024) it is worthwhile and all you have to do is either make an appointment to see the Business Manager for the completion of the appropriate forms or apply online via [here](#). if you wish to complete them yourself. If you are applying online, please ensure to select Tenison Woods College not Tenison Woods Catholic School.

Families who do not meet the above criteria but may still struggle to pay the full scheduled College fees are also invited to make an appointment with the Business Manager. All discussions are kept strictly confidential.

God Bless,
David Meziniec | Principal

On Grandparents and Special Friends Day at Tenison Woods College, we invite grandparents and special friends to a Junior School Open afternoon between 2:00pm and 3:00pm on Friday 26 July.

The afternoon will have a casual and simple structure with shared year level prayer to begin the afternoon and then some time for grandparents and special friends to visit and spend time in classrooms.

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 10 Thursday 4 July 9:10am - Year 7

From the Parish

In an exciting and welcome development for us all, each week one of the Homilies from the St Paul's Parish Masses will be recorded and posted to the [Parish youtube channel](#). There will also be another interesting content to view, such as the recent Prayer Book Study.



Upcoming Key Dates

WEEK 10

Thursday 4 July

- Timor-Leste Immersion Trip A
- Year 10 Work Placement
- Waverley Netball Championships | Melbourne
- No School for Year 11's
- Reception Art Exhibition | 8:30am-9:30am, Reception Community Centre
- Poplars Swimming Lessons | 10:00am, Wulanda
- Whole School Assembly | 12:30pm, BHS
- ELCC Mid Year Graduation | ELCC 2:00pm

Friday 5 July

- Timor-Leste Immersion Trip A
- Year 10 Work Placement
- Waverley Netball Championships | Melbourne
- No School for Year 11's
- 2025 Scholarship Applications Close

END OF TERM

- **Years R-6 Early Finish 2:15pm**
- **Years 7-12 Early Finish 2:20pm**

CIM Team News



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

This Sunday marks Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Sunday with the theme, 'Keep the Fire Burning: Strong in Faith,' and the beginning of National NAIDOC week.

On Sunday, we gather as one community to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations Peoples to our Australian Catholic Church. The themes 'Keep the fires burning' and 'Strong in faith' are very much related and so necessary for those working for Reconciliation. Being strong in faith is to keep the fire deep within our hearts burning. We have in us the capacity to love and to forgive even in the darkest of times.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday symbolises our unity as one people in Christ, and we encourage both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Catholics from across this great Southern Land to come together for Mass.



Celebrating Grandparents and Special Friends 26 July

Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which takes place on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne the Grandparents of Jesus. He established this day to celebrate the importance of grandparents to family life, and how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for Church communities.

In the words of Pope Francis:
'Children and the elderly build the future of peoples: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives.'

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Year 9 Maths Connects

To conclude the term, our Year 9 Maths Connects classes participated in an exciting Species Survival Escape Room challenge. Two classes joined forces, working in small groups to solve intricate puzzles. By applying their science and math skills, they cracked codes to prevent the animals from escaping the wildlife park. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to collaborate, think critically, and have fun while learning!

Haley Lindner | Future Thinking and HPE Teacher



Winter Scarves have arrived!

Warm up this winter, with new Tenison Woods College scarves now available at the Uniform Shop. They are \$22.50 each.

Opening Hours

Thursday 12:30pm – 4:30pm

The Uniform shop won't be open during the July school holiday period.

Online Store

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

Kylie Watson | Uniform Shop

how to stay healthy over the holidays

Supporting Young People

Holidays can take students away from friends and their usual school supports. Changes to routine can cause some young people to feel stressed, isolated, and alone. Parent/carer support is very important during this time.

[Headspace](#) has some information about [keeping healthy over the holidays](#) that may be helpful to share with young people and their families.

Tips for adults supporting young people:

- Encourage them to stay connected: Social relationships are an important aspect of young people's general wellbeing. Friends can provide both play and support, and spending time with friends is also important for keeping and building existing friendships.
- Encourage them to stay involved: Whether it is work, hobbies, clubs, or sports – involvement with these can help a young person feel connected to their wider community.
- Partake in physical activity: If your young person is feeling down or finding things difficult, physical activities such as walking around the block can help relieve stress and frustration.
- Keeping to a regular routine: Getting a good sleep each night helps young people feel energised, focused, and motivated. Getting up and going to bed at the same time each day can help normalise their body clock.
- Help-seeking & support: Ensure that young people have access to support numbers, locally and nationally; and that parents/carers also are provided with these details.



Dairy S.A. Dairy Innovation Day

The Dairy S.A. Dairy Innovation Day was held on Tuesday 2 July giving me a perfect opportunity to network in the dairy industry and see the latest agriculture innovations.

Tenison Woods College student Ryan Pearson attended the young people in Dairy event on Monday night before also attending the innovation day as part of the Year 10 work experience.

Both Ryan and I were very excited to meet 'Big Farmer Andy' who shared his social media journey that has seen him become an 'agfluencer' on various social media platforms but most popular on TikTok.

Judy Jenkin | Agriculture Teacher / Technology Teacher

Lost Property at Front Office

Please be aware that we have set up a table for lost uniform items in the front office. If your child has lost a school uniform item, please come and have a look!

Additionally, we ask that all uniform and personal items be labeled to limit the chances of being lost.

Tracey Davey | Office Manager

WAVERLY NETBALL COMPETITION



9/10 BOYS SOCCER SUCCESS

The 9/10 Boys Soccer team participated in the School Sport SA South East Zone competition on a bitterly cold winters day on Friday 28 June. In Game 1, the boys played St Martin's Lutheran College and never looked back after opening the scoring in the sixth minute. Oscar Livingstone found space on the right wing and hit a great through ball for Masimba Chindewere to race onto and his composed finish set the tone for a clinical display. Vice-Captain, Marcus Gajic, bagged a hat-trick including one from the penalty spot, whilst Ryley Stephenson led the line well and chipped in with two fine efforts of his own. By the time the final whistle went, the score had blown out to 9-0, a really efficient performance. After a long break, the team returned to Aston Fields, to play Game 2 against Mount Gambier High School. The start proved rather frantic and there were plenty of competitive challenges all across the park. Kahne Jeffrey slotted into right back really well and (co vice-captain) Ben Imani got given the responsibility to man-mark their best player, and he did a good job of shutting him down. Masimba capitalised on a defensive mix up to break the deadlock. He rounded the keeper to put the Titans up 1-0 at half-time. Early in the second half, we were even more fortunate to go up 2-0 following an own goal. A cracking corner from captain Nico Teodoro, who had been controlling the central midfield expertly, caused chaos and resulted in giving the team some breathing space. Sam Swiggs saved well with his legs late on and Ryley popped up once more to seal a hard-fought 3-0 victory, and send the team to Adelaide early in Term 3. Congratulations and well done boys!!



JUNIOR MUSIC IMMERSION DAY CAMP

Junior Music Immersion Day was held at the Main Corner Complex last Friday, celebrating our Blaze Choir and Year 6 Band. Students had a chance to immerse themselves in music making and fun activities as they increased their literacy and numeracy skills found embedded in their music. They were challenged to extend their ensemble skills and learn to collaborate, communicate, and challenge each other to reach personal bests, all as they prepare for future performances later in the year. The day concluded with a standout performance to family and friends with Blaze performing "I Must Clean My Room" and "Small Stuff" and Year 6 band showcasing an excerpt from "This Land – The Lion King" as well as full rendition of "African Folk Trilogy". We praised team "Grand Pabbie" for taking out the win in the challenges and celebrated Amelia Holmes and Luke Olivier receiving the award for Best Campers of the Day. This event could not have happened without the amazing work of the students involved, family and friends, and the amazing staff at the Main Corner Complex. A special thank you goes out to staff, Sarah Raymond, Tara Gladigau, Penny Mansell, Nicole Philipson, Fiona Matheson, and Krysten Von Duve for their amazing work both in the lead up and on the day.

Tameka Nube | R-6 Music Key Teacher



SOUTH EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOLS COMBINED BOARD MEETING



YEAR 4 VISUAL ART

During Visual Arts Lessons this term our Year 4 students have been reusing steering wheels (created for the JS Music Showcase in 2023) to create mosaic artwork.

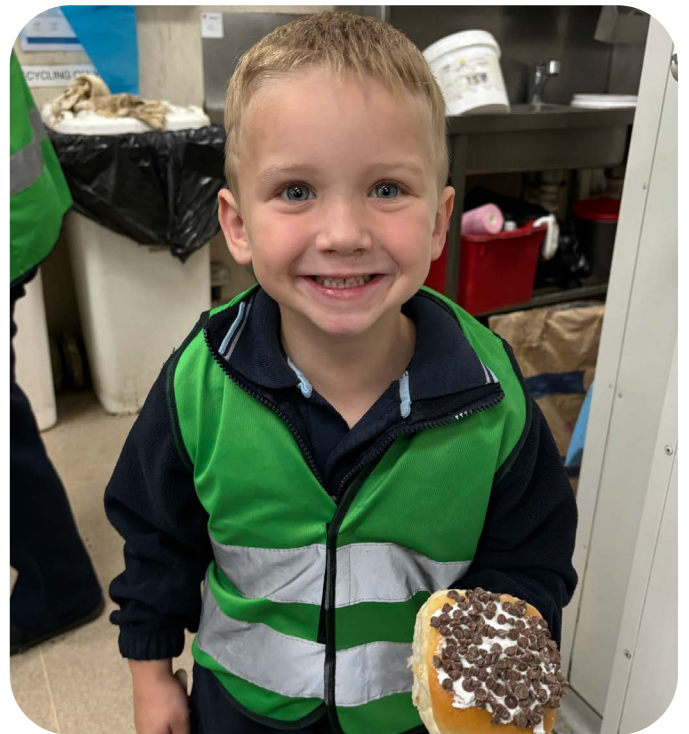
Students have worked on designing different patterns for their final creation before gluing tiles and beads to their artworks.

This week the students have learnt about grout and how they can fix their designs. This activity was very messy but lots of fun.



ELCC BAKER'S DELIGHT EXCURSION

The McAuley Kindy room recently went on an excursion to Bakers Delight, where the children toured the back space of the store and had the opportunity to work alongside the bakers to decorate a finger bun. The children loved the interactive excursion especially eating their created finger buns. Throughout this excursion the children had the opportunity to form connections within the community by meeting workers and exploring a business within the local community. The children demonstrated effective communication, sound fine and gross motor skills and practical life skills. The children also enjoyed the bus ride to and from the store where they engaged in conversations with peers and Educators with excitement.



YEAR 12'S CELEBRATE HALFWAY DAY

On Friday our Year 12 cohort celebrated 'Halfway Day' as they are now officially halfway through their last year of high-school. The Year 12's celebrated with a 'class party' styled lunch and enjoyed dressing up as their younger selves! We wish the Year 12s all the best for the remainder of their year.



YEAR 4 LEARNING EXPO

On Tuesday afternoon, our Year 4 Students were more than excited to showcase to their families what they had been learning in classes this term. It was a great afternoon showcasing a recorder performance, maths games, poetry reading, art displays and spending quality time with loved ones. We thank all families for coming along and enjoying an afternoon of fun.



STOMP DANCE EXPERIENCE



JULY 18th | 10:00AM
Mt. Gambier Library

Consultation & Public Speaking Opportunity



Gavin Choong
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Representative to the UN

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Respite foster care information session

Thursday, July 25, 4pm

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