



Open Heart Open Arms

WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST 2024 WEEK 3, TERM 3

GREEN AND GOLD DAY

On Friday the college celebrated 'Green & Gold Day' in support of the Australian Olympic Team currently competing at the 2024 Paris Olympics. It was well and truly a sea of green and gold throughout the college as staff and students enjoyed various sporting activities hosted by our wonderful student leaders. It was a joy to see the college come together and proudly showcase our national colours, celebrating the spirit of the Australian Olympic Team and our collective pride in their achievements!



See our Facebook page for more photos

From the Principal



Pathways and Careers Expo

Thanks to all parents, students, staff and community members who supported the Pathways and Careers Expo held Tuesday evening. It was so good to catch up with many families as we supported decisions re individual student pathways and career aspirations.

The Expo confidently complemented the Subject Selection Information sessions for Year 7-12 students preparing for 2025.

Special thanks to Jody Elliott, Careers Coordinator, Scott Dickson, Director of Learning, the Public Relations and Events Team, and ICT Team for their leadership of this very successful event. Another special thanks to Jen McCourt, Jenny Vanikiotis, our Hospitality students and the Sugarloaf Café Team for their culinary talents and outstanding hospitality.

The purpose of the Pathways and Career Expo was to assist students and parents to gather information regarding subjects that are offered at Tenison Woods College and to assist students to make informed decisions regarding their subject choices, learning and future pathway options, so that we live boldly our challenge and our celebration that every learner has a place, every learner has a pathway, and every learner will shine. Thank you to all who made that a reality.



National Vocations Awareness Week

It is fitting that our Pathways and Careers Expo takes place during the annual national Vocations Awareness Week. As Catholics, we believe that God has a plan for our lives. He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to consecrated life or to live as generous single people.

We all have a vocation. The word vocation comes from the Latin vocare, which in English means to call. God calls each one of us to holiness. Being called to holiness means being called to love God and others.

Someone's specific vocation is the particular path or the unique specific way that he or she is called to follow Christ, to be more like him, but with their own personality, and characteristics, their gifts, talents, weaknesses and circumstances. Following God's call is not about becoming someone that we are not, but about becoming more fully the ones He created us to be. As such we are all invited to reflect on how we are called to love others, making God's love present in the world.

During this week, we are invited to pray about how God is calling us to live your own vocation more deeply. We also pray for more and generous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Diocesan Vocations Prayer

*Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd,
who is always mindful of your Church.
Watch over those who are baptised in your name,
and grant peace and harmony to all families.
We ask you to choose
from the families of our parish
many priests, sisters and brothers
who will gladly spend their lives
in making you known and loved. Amen.*

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

This Thursday, 8 August we celebrate the spirit of one of our College founders, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. While we celebrate a rich legacy and a significant impact on the weave of Australian society, that commenced over 150 years ago, we also recommit ourselves to the Josephite charism. Just as Mary did, we too are also called to make a difference for our times, with a spirit

of generosity and simplicity of life, open to the changing needs of society and prepared to stand with people in the ordinary circumstances of their existence.

The Assumption – Thursday 15 August

Next Thursday 15 August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Feast of the Assumption commemorates Mary's entrance into Heaven, body and soul, and as a College community we will commemorate the feast day with a whole school Mass.

Mary is for Catholics a special symbol, reinforcing our confidence that death is not an end. In her assumption Mary is a wonderful sign of hope for us, because, after her Son, she is the first to be assumed body and soul into heaven. Just as Mary's Immaculate Conception is a symbol of what God is doing for all people, her Assumption is also a symbol of what will happen to all people in the 'ages to come' when everyone who has died will be given a new and different kind of life.

So, the Assumption is a feast of profound hope; a hope that inspires all we do as a Christian community, because, as reiterated by Saint John Vianney, "Jesus on the Cross said to the disciple whom He loved: "Behold your Mother!" How sweet are those words to the Christian who is able to understand what depths of love they contain!"

Vinnies Fundraising in Term 3

During Term 3, the Tenison Woods College community will be supporting the Vinnie's Winter Appeal. This appeal provides emergency relief to people at risk and experiencing homelessness in our communities. Each year, through the generous support of our students, families and staff, we make a difference to the lives of many this winter.



Vinnies Day – Friday 16 August

Vinnies Day will take place on Friday 16 August. Students from Early Learning to Year 12 are encouraged to wear comfy casual clothes and donate gold coins which will go directly to the Winter Appeal. To assist in helping you discern donations:

Junior School: Please donate a non-perishable food item for Vinnies. Alternatively, families could donate winter essentials such as new: warm pj's, socks or undergarments.

Early Learning and Community Centre and Middle School: Please donate a non-perishable food item for Vinnies, such as canned Harvest meals, soup, veggies, tuna, or baked beans, long life milk, spaghetti, or pasta.

Senior School: Please donate a toiletry item for Vinnies. Example: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, face cleanser, tooth brush, or tooth paste

The Vinnies Winter Sleepout - Year 11 and 12 - Friday 16 August

The Vinnies Winter Sleepout for Year 11 and 12 students will take place on Friday 16 August. This optional event aims to raise vital funds for the most vulnerable people in our communities. Those attending the Sleepout will swap their usual cosy beds and food choices for a night without the comforts of home. By choosing to do this they are experiencing, for just one night, a small part of what those facing disadvantage suffer every day. Additionally, students, and staff, who are not able to stay the night may choose to live without all their usual comforts and donate what they would have spent.

Students are encouraged to register their interest for this event via the Forms link in the SEQTA Notices and then set their own fundraising goals.

Vale Gabrielle Kelly

Last Thursday 1 August I attended the funeral of Gabrielle Kelly, a wonderful thinker and leader who has had a significant impact on the cultural weave of our College community. An acclaimed film maker and advocate for ecological conversion, people may also remember Gabe as the inspirational leader of the SA Thinker in Residence Program, and the SAHMRI Wellbeing and Resilience

Centre. In 2012 she enthused us to commence our journey with Carla Rinaldi and a Reggio Emilia inspired Early Learning and Community Centre. This thinking led to our College paradigm of “competent child, competent adolescent, competent community.” Then we embarked on a whole school approach to wellbeing and resilience in 2015, when Gabe championed South Australia as “a state of wellbeing.” A considerable amount of our thinking about faith, learning and wellbeing as a school community can be traced back to the wonderful inspiration of Gabe Kelly. As the Sisters of St Joseph would say, Gabe was “a very good woman” and I pay tribute to Gabe’s legacy in our College community, but indeed the legacy she has left in our state, as well as nation.

CESA Community LLL Perception Surveys

By the conclusion of week five of term 3 all Catholic Schools in South Australia will complete the CESA Living, Learning, Leading Perception Surveys. The surveys are a product of a collaboration between Catholic Education SA (CESA) and Curtin University and are focussed on the development, validation and use of a system-wide survey to examine the understanding of the vision and extent to which Catholic Education SA’s Living Learning Leading Framework is taking place in schools as perceived by students, family and staff.

Each survey has been trialled, refined and piloted in a range of CESA school settings and the development team is confident that schools will derive very useful information for planning and improvement.

Reception Enrolments 2025

I advise parents and caregivers that interviews are well under way for all 2025 Reception Enrolments. We invite parents or caregivers and students to schedule an interview time with Mrs Francesca Dickson, Head of Junior School, to formalise their child’s enrolment for 2025. If you have a child who is due to start school in 2025 and have not received a letter, please contact Enrolments Registrar Tracey Davey on 08 8725 5455 who will help you organise this.

Student Exemption Form required for absences over 5 days.

If your child will be absent from school for more than 5 days, please ensure that you contact the Administration Office to obtain a Student Exemption Form. All absenteeism for more than 5 days is approved by the College Principal and entered into our Attendance system to ensure accurate records are maintained and family’s government benefits and allowances are protected.

White Avenue Safety – Use the Koala Crossing

Families are finding the best place to pick up their children and I ask if children cross White Avenue I ask them to cross at the Koala Crossing. Using the Koala crossing offers some extra safety, as cars slow down to navigate the narrowed road.

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.

God Bless,
David Mezinac | Principal

CIM Team News



Celebrating Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

On Thursday of this week, 8 August, we will celebrate the Feast Day of one of our Founders, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. In our region, Mary’s influence has been particularly strong. It was here that she not only discovered her love of teaching, but found God’s calling.

The Junior School students in the MacKillop Buildings will pay special tribute to Mary MacKillop on this day by gathering for shared year level liturgies in the Chapel, supported by the Junior School Student leaders.

A small group of students have also nominated themselves to help celebrate St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day at Mary MacKillop School, Penola. They will join other Catholic students from the South East Region for the celebration, participating in Mass and doing a rotation of activities.

Andrew Chinn Workshops and Concert

On Friday 9 August, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. Andrew’s songs, such as “These Hands”, “Rainbow”, “An African Blessing” and “Rise Up!” are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. The concert will take place in the Barrie Holmes Stadium at 2pm.

We warmly welcome the families of our Junior School students to join us for the concert. Look forward to seeing you there.

Whole School Mass

Next week, on Thursday 15 August, we invite parents and carers to our Whole School Mass in the Barrie Holmes Stadium at 9am. This Mass is to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Catholics give thanks and praise for the holy and blessed life of Mary the Mother of Jesus. We celebrate how God has honoured her and welcomed her into heaven.

Vinnies Day and Vinnies Winter

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Term 3 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 and Liturgies

Week 3 Friday 9 August- 9:10am- Year 4 Mass

**Please note that there will be no Mass at TWC on Thursday 8 August. Mass will be held in Penola for the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop.

FROM THE PARISH

Shared Lunch – Sunday, 11 August

We look forward to welcoming everyone to a shared lunch this Sunday after 11am Mass at St Paul’s. The hall will be open from 10.30am for those who wish to drop off the food before Mass. Please bring a plate to share and invite a friend or two to join you!

Curry Night – Friday, 16 August

The first of two Parish Curry Nights will take place on Friday, 16 August. The hall will be open from 5.30pm for 6.00pm dinner. Tickets are now available for purchase from Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CUAGH> until Wednesday, 14 August. The cost will be \$12 for adults, \$8 for children (8-12 years) and \$35 for a family. Please BYO drinks. Bring along your family and friends to enjoy an evening of good company and delicious food.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming Key Dates

WEEK 3

Thursday 8 August

- Calvary English School Visit
- ICAS Writing Competition
- St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day

Friday 9 August

- Calvary English School Visit
- ICAS Writing Competition
- Andrew Chinn Workshops, Barrie Holmes Stadium
- Year 4 Mass, Chapel 9:00am
- Year 11 PE (Golf) 9:00am-10:10am, Blue Lake Golf Club Driving Range

WEEK 4

Monday 12 August

- Year 7/8 Boys & Girls Knockout Soccer | Corner Stone College
- Science Week

Tuesday 13 August

- Year 7/8 Boys & Girls Knockout Soccer | Corner Stone College
- Science Week
- Year 7 Immunisations | Staffroom
- Year 10 Catch up Immunisations
- Open Girls Soccer | Brighton

Wednesday 14 August

- Science Week
- Open Girls Soccer | Brighton
- SAPSASA State Soccer Carnival | Adelaide
- ICAS English Competition
- Open Boys Basketball Finals | Adelaide

Thursday 15 August

- Whole School Mass | Barrie Holmes Stadium, 9:00am
- Science Week
- SAPSASA State Soccer Carnival | Adelaide
- Open Boys Basketball Finals | Adelaide
- 2024 Newcastle University Science and Engineering Challenge | Wulanda

Friday 16 August

- Vinnies Day | Casual Clothes
- Vinnies Winter Sleepout | 5:30pm, under the Sails
- Science Week
- SAPSASA State Soccer Carnival | Adelaide
- Years 4-6 Assembly | MacKillop Junior School, 2:05pm - 2:35pm
- Years R-1 Assembly | MacKillop Junior School, 2:40pm - 3:10pm
- SAPOL Thinkuknow Presentation | Years 3-6 Lecture Theatre 9am - 12pm



Year 3 Maths Olympics

Year 3 students had a fantastic time at our Maths Olympics, where they showcased their measurement skills through exciting activities! The fun events included Cotton Ball Shotput, Straw Javelin, Long Jump and Cotton Bud Archery. The Year 3 students demonstrated wonderful enthusiasm and skill, turning a Maths lesson into an engaging and fun experience!



Year 10 Reflection Day

Last Wednesday, the Year 10 students and staff spent the day at Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre for the Year 10 Reflection Day. This reflection day forms part of the Religious Education Program in Year 10.

Throughout the day, the students focused on the theme of 'We're all in this Together,' which is designed to help students debunk popular stereotypes and self-doubt, instead, encouraging the values of self-love, friendship and connections and welcoming God into our lives.

Wanted

Term 3 TRT's

All year levels: Early Learning - Year 12
Full or half days
Regular or occasional work available

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



Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 Out Now

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 or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play Store. 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 5 need to be in by Monday 12 August. If you purchase books as a gift, please let your teacher know so this can be passed on.

Jess Lucas | Library Assistant



Students Shine in ACER Advance Awards

In 2023 some of our high-achieving students in Years 7, 8 and 9 were invited to participate in the ACER Advance Awards Competition. They competed against other high achieving students across Australia.

They were assessed on two different learning areas: Numeracy and Literacy. Both assessments measured students' problem solving and reasoning abilities and required them to use their higher order thinking skills to apply known concepts to new situations.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved outstanding results in the COMBINED ASSESSMENT:

Merit: Mawson Kidman

Credit: Chloe Chiesa, Bonny de Nys, Maggie Collins, Archie Olsen, Vinnie Moore

Distinction: Douglas Slattery, Aidan Salmon, Isabelle Neumann, Thravis Coronel, Caydence Bryant

The following students achieved their excellent result in one of the assessments:

LITERACY

Credit: Charles Pearce, Sihan Coetze

NUMERACY

Merit: Oliver Stapleton, Cayden Byrne, Ben Camilleri, Hunter Wallace

Credit: Truman Bryant, Tage Curnow, Jenson Malseed, William H

Distinction: Bailey Dale

Well done to all the students who chose to stretch themselves by taking part.

Chris Lloyd | Online Assessment Coordinator



Crossing Monitor Training

On Tuesday 6 August our Year 6 students participated in crossing monitor training delivered by SAPOL. The students will then have the chance to be rostered on to monitor the Shepherdson Road crossing with a staff member.

Trudi Dempsey | WHS Coordinator



2024 Choral Vocal Eisteddfod Results

On Friday 26 July the Tenison Woods College Senior Vocal Ensemble, Girls Choir and Boys Choir competed at the Mount Gambier Choral Vocal Eisteddfod. Students performed a variety of repertoire including Jazz, Pop, World Music and Traditional Music. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their hard work to the Choral community.

Our Senior Vocal Ensemble achieved three 1st places, Boys Choir achieved two 1st places and Girls Choir achieved two 2nd places.

We are extremely proud of our students and their dedication to the arts.

I am also pleased to report the successes of our Tenison Woods College vocal students who competed in solo and duet sections at the Mount Gambier Choral Vocal Eisteddfod over Friday Saturday and Sunday 26-28 July.

Congratulations to our amazing vocal tutors who have assisted the following students achieve their outstanding results and the positive comments from adjudicator Jessica Chalmers, are sure to inspire our students.

Scarlett Strachan – five 1st placings and one 3rd placing.

Arshia Gulati – one 1st placing and one 2nd placing.

Rory Smith – three honourable mentions.

Jake Parker – one 1st placing, one 2nd placing, one 3rd placing and one honourable mention.

Ella Williams – six 1st placings and three 2nd placings.

Gabriel Strachan – six 1st placings, three 2nd placings and one 3rd placing.

Max Grubb – one 1st placing and one honourable mention.

Halle Zwar – three 1st placings and one honourable mention.

Erykah van Gaans – two 3rd placings and one honourable mention.

Staff member Gabby Maldari – one 2nd placing.

Brianna Philby – one 3rd placing.

Millie Matthews – one 3rd Placing.

Of special note, Gabriel Strachan was the overall winner of the Under 18 Own Choice Restricted Scholarship. Well done, Gabe!

For students who did not place, you are to be congratulated for having a go, and I look forward to seeing you achieve your goals at future Eisteddfods and music performances.

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts



Uniform Shop Opening Hours

A reminder that the Uniform Shop will not open on Thursday 6 June, due to the Student Free Day. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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



Harry Gilbertson Wins Hattah Desert Race

Congratulations to Year 9 student, Harry Gilbertson – our very own King of the Desert! Last month, Harry competed in arguably one of the most challenging motorcycling desert races in the country, the Hattah Desert Race.

Harry secured the Junior Big Wheel class outright and class win with a time of 1:36:08.876 after a gruelling 6 x 38km laps through rough terrain.

Well done Harry, the college community are incredibly proud of you and all of the hard work and training that goes in to an event like this.

Slava Grigoryan Solo



ARIA award-winning guitarist Slava Grigoryan is doing just that... playing guitar... solo.

A man and his guitar. Music by one, and for all.

Thursday August 29 at 7pm
 Tenison Woods College Chapel, Mt Gambier

Tickets: trybooking.com/CTQRT or scan the QR code



Artwork: Scarlett, Tenison Woods College (Year 7)

FINDING THE FAB FIVE Exhibition Launch

Enjoy artworks created by high school students from across regional South Australia as we celebrate the Fab Five (sea lions, cuttlefish, sharks, whales and sea eagles), marine park values and the importance of Sea Country

FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST @6PM

RIDDOCH ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE
 1 BAY RD, MT GAMBIER

Refreshments will be provided



This Our Marine Parks Grants project received funding from the Australian Government



MONDAY 19 AUGUST		
TIME	CLASS	TEACHER/S
8:15 - 8:40	BEFORE SCHOOL - Staff and Family Photos	
9:00	POPJNR	Mel Van Zyl / Tania Johnston
9:20	POPSNR	Karina Clements
9:30	POPMID	Natasha Davis / Alex Window
9:50	RAMJRS	Maria Jeffrey / Rachele Sullivan
10:00	RDKWCS	Katie Window / Chris Schebella
10:10	1CML	Melissa Little
10:20	1DAISR	Ashleigh Pfitzner/ Sasha Reilly
10:30	2CKD	Kathryn Domaschenz
10:40	2ANANP	Nick Agnew/ Nicole Philipson
10:55 - 11:20	RECESS - Staff and Family Photos	
11:20	2DAW	Andy Watt
11:30	3ARTLS	Rebecca Travis/ Liz Snell
11:40	3DRSJR	Rayhna Stephens/ Janelle Robinson
11:50	4AGH	Grace Hill
12:00	4CKL	Kelly Lockwood
12:10	5DKMTS	Kylie Marlow/ Tiarna Said
12:20	6ACRMB	Carlee Ransom/ Madison Breese-Fiegert
12:30	6CMGMB	Michael Gannon/ Madison Breese-Fiegert
12:40	YEAR 9	
1:20 - 2:00	LUNCH - Staff and Family Photos	
2:00	YEAR 8	
2:40	YEAR 11	
3:15 - 3:40	AFTER SCHOOL - Staff and Family Photos	

TUESDAY 20 AUGUST		
TIME	CLASS	TEACHER/S
8:15 - 8:40	BEFORE SCHOOL - Staff and Family Photos	
8:40	YEAR 12	
9:20	RBVGRS	Vicki Gleed / Rachele Sullivan
9:30	RCAOTB	Amanda O'Shaughnessy / Trish Bruhn
9:40	REMP	Laura Whitehead
9:50	1AMBKT	Melissa Bucik / Kirby Turnbull
10:00	1BND	Nicola Dunn
10:10	2BKC	Kirsty Clifford
10:20	3BSM	Stacy McCourt
10:30	5ALVRA	Louise Vivian/ Rebecca Ansell
10:40	4DLR	Lisa Rowntree
10:55 - 11:20	RECESS - Staff and Family Photos	
11:20	4BHJHM	Jeannine Birch/ Hayley Morgan
11:30	3CKFJR	Karen Fox/ Janelle Robinson
11:40	5BTORA	Tina Opperman/ Rebecca Ansell
11:50	6DGG	Gina Gogel
12:00	6BML	Marc Lock
12:40	5CKVTS	Krysten Von Duve/ Tiarna Said
1:20 - 2:00	LUNCH - Staff and Family Photos	
2:00	YEAR 7	
2:40	YEAR 10	
3:15 - 3:40	AFTER SCHOOL - Staff and Family Photos	

School Photos - Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 August

Tenison Woods College will be holding school photographs **in the Library** on Monday 19 August and Tuesday 20 August. Please take some time to read through this email and familiarise yourself with the proceedings.

- You will find the school photo schedule above, please look for your child's class/year level to determine what day and time their school photos will be.
- All students will be photographed for school records, regardless of whether they are ordering photographs.

Family Photographs

- Family photograph forms are available to collect from the Front Office and **must be returned to the Front Office by Friday 16 August**.
- Due to the short time frame between receiving envelopes and family photographs being taken, we will not be allocating individual time slots for family photos this year. Instead, families are asked to coordinate the day that works best for them (non sport uniform, etc) and present to the Library with their siblings during one of the following time slots:
Before School 8.15am - 8.40am
Recess 10.55am - 11.20am
Lunch 1.20pm - 2.00pm
After School 3.15pm - 3.40pm
- The PR and Events team will make every effort to remind our Junior School students to have their family photographs taken.

Uniform Requirements

- Students are required to wear their full winter uniform - **INCLUDING JUMPER**. Please refer to the Uniform Policy [HERE](#) and Uniform Handbook [HERE](#). Both are available on the College website.
- We ask that you please ensure uniforms are clean and in good order in preparation for Monday and Tuesday.
- If your child has PE on the day of their photographs, they will need to change into their PE uniform for this lesson.
- The uniform shop is open

Tuesdays

8:00AM to 12:00PM

Wednesdays

8:00AM to 12:00PM

Thursdays

12:30PM to 4:30PM





Will Jennings Gains Plumbing Apprenticeship

Congratulations to Will Jennings who, after 2 weeks of work experience was offered a full time plumbing apprenticeship with ACM Plumbing. Thank you to Tom and Amy Marson for offering Will this amazing opportunity.

We wish Will all the best for his training and for his future!

Sharon Brodie | VET Coordinator



Dance Showcase - Tickets Now Live 'Escapism'

Year 7-12 Dance showcase (Tensions first!)

Friday 23 August (Week 5)

The performance is centred around the theme of escapism, promising a captivating journey through a range of emotions and dance genre and styles. It's a wonderful opportunity friends and family to witness the dedication and effort our dancers have put in.

[Click here](#) for tickets and more information.



Year 10 Agriculture Sheepvention Excursion

Year 10 Agriculture Students headed over the border on Monday 5 August to experience Sheepvention. They engaged with Agriculture stakeholders while also viewing working dog trials, blacksmithing and sheep showing.

This is a perfect opportunity that gives insight into industry knowledge to promote learning in Semester 2.

Judy Jenkin and Lewis Lean | Agriculture and Technology Teacher



Principal's Day

On Friday, we celebrated our incredible Principal, David Mezinec and thank him for his dedication, compassion, and strong leadership in guiding the Tenison Woods College community.

Mr Mezinec's commitment to creating a positive learning environment and fostering staff and student well-being are among the many characteristics that make him a great Principal! As you can see - he leads by example and never shy's away from a challenge!

From the College community, we think you are 'GOLD'!



2024 Commonwealth Census

In accordance with Australian Government Guidelines, the Commonwealth Census was undertaken on Friday, 2 August 2024. [Click here](#) for a copy of the Department's privacy notice. The notice provides information about why the data is collected and for what purpose it may be used should you have any questions.





Year 9/10 Agriculture Horse Dentist

Year 9 and 10 Agriculture students were able to observe Layton Copping (Horse Dentist) administer care to the equine partners at Equine Assisted Learning Limestone. This has been the culmination of Year 10 students learning all about how to age animals through dental and physical examination.

The equines Layton supported were of various ages so students could discuss that variance in teeth presentation according to age. Layton also described various conditions that can occur due to abnormalities in development and growth of animals and how that presents in their teeth.

We were very grateful for Layton sharing his time with our Agriculture classes.

Judy Jenkin and Lewis Lean | Agriculture and Technology Teacher



Commissioner's Voice Student Postcard Initiative

Our College is taking part in the Commissioner's Student Voice Postcard initiative! Many South Australian primary school aged children are directly supporting the important work of South Australia's Commissioner for Children and Young People, Helen Connolly, as active participants of her annual Student Voice Postcard initiative, currently being rolled out to all schools across the State. The initiative is helping Commissioner Connolly gain a clearer understanding of what is important to primary school children. She is asking this under-represented group to respond to four simple questions that invite them to tell her what matters to them most, what aspirations they have, what worries them, and what they would change to make their lives better. All responses are anonymous. No personal information is collected. The Commissioner will use the postcard responses to inform her advocacy work to improve the lives of SA's children and young people. Learn more about the Commissioner's Student Voice Postcard initiative at www.commissionerspostcards.com.au

Francesca Dickson | Head of Junior School



Book Week Week 5 Friday

We are getting closer to the library's favourite time of the year, Book Week with this year's theme "Reading is Magic"!

We celebrate Book Week during Week 5 this term which culminates in the Book Week Parade commencing at 9am on Friday 23 August followed by classroom swaps and activities around this year's shortlisted books. More information will be sent out next week about the Parade route and events including the competitions that the library will be running.

We love students Reception to Year 6 to dress up as a character from their favourite book or as something that matches the theme of Book Week. Costumes do not need to be expensive and there are many great ideas online to put together an easy and inexpensive costume. A lanyard with a picture of the book cover their character is from is also a helpful addition.

Here are some ideas if you would like to make something yourself - [Book Week costumes](#). Otherwise, many of the local stores and also online outlets have various options available.

Alexandra Nicholson | Library Manager



SAPSASA Hockey Selections

Tenison Woods College is celebrating the achievements of two of its Year 5 students who have been selected for the South East Country SAPSASA Hockey team. Oscar Benjamin has earned a spot on the boys' team, while Angus Robinson will be joining the mixed team.

Both boys have shown exceptional skill and dedication in their respective sports, making their selection a proud moment for the school. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and wish them the best of luck in the upcoming State Carnival.

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator

YEAR 7-12 2025 PATHWAYS EXPO



YEAR 5 PATHWAYS EXPO



YEAR 10 REFLECTION DAY



PRIDE IN YOUR STRIDE WALK - NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS WEEK

Today our Year 5's and Year 8 Go M.A.D. Elective students took part in the Pride in Your Stride Walk. The Pride in Your Stride event raises awareness to support those affected by homelessness and has taken place in the lead up to National Homelessness Week since 2018, which this year runs from August 5 - 11. The event will saw members of the community walk together from Vansittart Park to the Mount Gambier Library





VINNIES DAY

Friday 16th August 2024

WHOLE SCHOOL:

Comfy Casual Clothes Day

Please bring gold coins
to donate to Vinnies



ELCC AND MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Please donate a
non-perishable food item
for Vinnies.

Example:

Canned Harvest meals,
soup, veggies, tuna or baked
beans, longlife milk,
spaghetti or pasta.

SENIOR SCHOOL:

Please donate a toiletry
item for Vinnies.

Example: shampoo,
conditioner, body wash,
face cleanser, tooth brush,
or tooth paste

JUNIOR SCHOOL:

Please donate a non-perishable food item
for Vinnies.

Alternatively, families could donate winter
essentials such as new: warm pj's, socks or
undergarments.

**Donations are required for
local families in need!**



Vinnies
good works