



## Important Dates

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Principal Tour  
9.30am  
Monday 10 February 2025

Getting to know  
your child  
conversations 10th -  
14th February  
Monday 10 February 2025

P&F Meeting 7pm  
Wednesday 12 February  
2025

P&F Welcome  
Event @ TWCS  
Friday 21 February 2025

Annual General  
Meeting (AGM)  
6pm  
Wednesday 26 February  
2025

Shrove Tuesday /  
Carnevale  
Tuesday 4 March 2025

Ash Wednesday  
Wednesday 5 March 2025

Pupil Free Day  
Friday 7 March 2025

Public Holiday-  
Adelaide Cup Day  
Monday 10 March 2025

Year 4 Camp  
Tuesday 11 March 2025

Principal Tour 5pm  
Wednesday 12 March 2025

Assembly and  
Wellbeing Day  
Friday 21 March 2025

Sports Day  
Friday 11 April 2025

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03.02.25

## Message from the Principal

## Welcome Back

At Tenison Woods Catholic school we are called to be....

## Visionaries Protectors Innovators Explorers Connectors

Welcome back to Tenison Woods to start what I am sure will be a year full of fun, laughs, learning, challenges and special moments. It has been lovely to see everyone this past week as the children move from nervous energy to excitement and parents are able to move back in to those 'routines' that we so dearly need!

We start 2025 with an ever growing community, with 268 children starting the school year, giving us 11 classes across Reception to Year 6. In Term 3, we will be welcoming an additional 35 children making up 2 additional Mid Year Reception classes. Since 2022, we have also welcomed 50 children in Years 2-6. As we continue to provide an excellent educational setting and equally as important a community dedicated to the wellbeing of all, all the time.

This year at Tenison Woods school, we will have a whole school theme that will be referred to throughout the year. The theme for 2025 is '**Builders of Hope**'. Teachers will spend time with their students breaking open this theme and what it means. Some of the questions that will be explored may include;

- What does hope mean to me?
- Why is it important to have hope?
- How can we be 'Builders of Hope' this year? – for ourselves, for others, for our community, and for our world

We encourage you to talk to your students about this theme and make connections between home and school about how we can all be '**Builders of Hope**' this year, and beyond.

We welcome all of our Reception children who have moved from our Little Wonders Transition program to BIG school. Along with our Receptions, we also have a number of new children and their families starting with us in other year levels. I would like to extend a warm TWCS welcome to:

Lewis Frost

Emma and Yani Kolonis

Eadie and Charlie March

Immanuel Matthew

Lilla Schumacher

Olivia Sparnon

Renee Stolz

Ivy Taylor

We have also been fortunate to welcome a number of new staff to the team. I would like to formally welcome the following staff:

Skye Llewellyn (Reception)

Corey Carlaw (Yr 1/2)

Sophie Hurley (Yr 5/6)

Sarah Watkins (Technologies)

Emma Freer (ESO)

Misty McGuire (Front Office Admin)

## Our commitment to you and your family.

As we continue to ensure our facilities are maintained and meet the educational and wellbeing needs of all children in our community, it is exciting to say that our Building Project is now currently at tender with a builder soon to be appointed.

The building project will commence towards the end of Term 1, with the new Junior Primary building being the first stage to be completed. Once this has been completed, the builders will move their attention to creating a new Front Office entrance / welcome plaza along with a new administration block. To see more details regarding the design, head to our school [website](#).

## Things to keep an eye out for.

It is becoming something I feel like I am saying all the time, but we have a busy Term 1. I ask you to please check the school calendar on the Audiri App to make sure you have synced your calendars so you don't miss anything. Here are just a few for the start of the term.

### **Week 3**

Getting to know your child conversations

Wednesday evening – P&F Meeting – all welcomed

### **Week 4**

Friday - Assembly

Friday evening - P&F Welcome event

### **Week 5**

Wednesday – AGM

### **Week 6**

Tuesday - Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday – Ash Wednesday

Friday – Pupil Free Day (OSHC available)

### **Week 7**

Year 4 Camp

Wednesday - P&F Meeting

NAPLAN

### **Week 8**

Friday – Assembly and Wellbeing Day

## **Drop Off and Pick up – Friendly Reminders**

As we start a new year, I am just wanting to remind everyone of a few things in regards to Pick up and Drop offs. We have 2 collection points – The Main Carpark off Bickford Tce and the Rear Gate on Redin St. Gates do not open until **8:20am** – **Please ensure children are not left at the gate unsupervised. If you need to leave before the gate opens, OSHC is available from 7am.**

The Carpark has a 2-min time limit when waiting for children. Staff will ask drivers to move on if their child is not ready.

Please **DO NOT PARK ACROSS DRIVEWAYS**. We have some wonderful neighbours who understand living near a school has its busy times. However, it is illegal to park across a driveway.

Council employees regularly attend our streets issuing fines for drivers who are not following the law.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff at TWCS, I thank you for your ongoing partnership with us in supporting your children and our community. If you have any questions that pop up throughout the year, my door is always open and I really appreciate the opportunity to connect with our families.

Go well and God Bless

Ben



04.02.25

## Message from the Assistant Principal: Teaching and Learning

Welcome to the 2025 school year. It has been great to hear all about holiday adventures from the students. I look forward to the year ahead and working in collaboration with families in the Tenison Woods Community.

## Literacy and Numeracy

This year we have two main focuses regarding our teaching and learning, these are in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Our dedicated staff completed professional learning throughout the January school holidays.

Corey, Sophie, Sarah and Ethan completed a five day course by the Dyslexia Orton-Gillingham Institute, Basic Training Literacy. The course provided instruction on implementing a structure multisensory approach to reading. This is based on the understanding of the science of reading and the five key elements that are required to achieve this, phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension.

Erin, Carisa, Gina, Rhys and Amelia completed a two day course by the Dyslexia Orton-Gillingham Institute, Multisensory Maths Training. The course provided instruction on implementing a structure multisensory approach to mathematics. This is based on the understanding of our number system is based on the number ten. It provides strategies for helping students with basic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), problem solving, time/money and fractions. I am looking forward to this approach being used in the classroom and how it will support our students understanding in mathematics.

Congratulations to Erin, Carisa, Gina, Rhys, Amelia, Corey, Sophie, Sarah and Ethan on completing the training.

## Personalised Plans for Learning (PPL's) meetings

During week 5 and 6 we will hold Personalised Plans for Learning (PPL's) meetings with families and teachers for students who required additional support for their learning. These meetings are always positive and relational, with both parents and staff working towards the best learning outcomes for your child. An email from Peta will be sent out to families to book in for meetings.

## Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN

During Week 7 and 8 our year 3 and 5 students participated in NAPLAN. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school. The annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of our schools assessment process. More information will be sent home to families in the following weeks.

## Keeping safe Child Protection Curriculum

Our Term 1 Keeping safe Child Protection focus is 'The right to be safe'. Throughout the term students will engage in age-appropriate lessons through the Health Curriculum to develop an understanding of this topic. A letter was sent home this week with further information.

# Homework

At our school, we deeply value family time and recognise its essential role in the well-being of both students and their families. With this in mind, we strive to keep homework to a manageable amount, ensuring that students have ample opportunity to spend quality time together. In support of developing essential literacy and numeracy skills, we encourage engaging activities like board games and cooking. These enjoyable, hands-on experiences not only promote learning in a fun and interactive way but also offer valuable opportunities to practice important skills in everyday, real-world contexts. Homework is designed to complement the classroom learning. We strongly believe homework should not be stressful for the child if your child experiences any difficulties please contact their classroom teacher.

## Homework guide

Reception: Sound practice and reading

Year 1 and year 2: Reading

Year 3: Reading, spelling, times tables and optional activities (up to 30 minutes)

Year 4: Reading, spelling, times tables and optional activities (30 minutes)

Year 5 and year 6: Reading, times tables and completing unfinished set tasks (30-40 minutes)

Throughout the year as we work in partnership to support the children to flourish and grow, please always know I am available for you to speak with.

Kind regards,

Claire Little

Assistant Principal: Teaching and Learning

04.02.25

## Religious Identity and Mission

### 2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope

A Jubilee year is a special year that occurs in the Catholic Church every 25 years. It is a unique time where Catholics are given a special opportunity to get closer to God.

Pope Francis declared that 2025 is the '**Jubilee Year of Hope**'. This year we are invited into a deeper relationship with God, with each other and with the world around us.

The 2025 Jubilee Year is a time for renewal, reflection, and spiritual growth. It gives us a chance to rediscover God's love, reconcile with others, and contribute to building a more just and merciful world.

Through pilgrimages, reconciliation, prayer, and acts of charity, the Jubilee invites us to grow spiritually and embrace our roles as peacemakers and witnesses to Christ's love.



The Jubilee 2025 logo shows four figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each

other to show the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

***“During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God’s love addressed to all!”***

***Pope Francis***

## Beginning of Year Mass

Last Friday we gathered as a whole school community in the St Aloysius Church for our Beginning of Year Mass. It was wonderful to be able to come together and welcome in a new year of learning and welcome all those who are new to our school.

There were many students involved in the mass in a variety of different ways including; helping to set up the prayer space, serving as altar servers, readers, and being a part of the Gospel and Offertory procession.

Father Long Hai praised the students for the reverence they showed during the Mass and for the wonderful way in which they joined in with the responses throughout the Mass. He also commented on their beautiful singing.

## Sacramental Program 2025

A reminder that there will be a Sacramental Information Session at 6:30pm on Tuesday 18th February 2025 at St John Bosco Church Hall section “A”, 17 Lipsett Terrace, Brooklyn Park.

If your child is currently in Years 4, 5 or 6, has been baptised Catholic, and you would like them to continue their sacramental journey and receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion this year, please come along to the information session to find out more.

A letter with additional information as well as the Sacramental Program registration form has been posted to Audiri.



# TERM 1 MASSES

- Week 1** Friday 31 January @ 9am (St Aloysius Church)  
*Whole School Beginning of Year Mass*
- Week 3** Friday 14 February @ 9am (St Aloysius Church)  
*6M Parish Mass*
- Week 5** Friday 28 February @ 9am (St Aloysius Church)  
*5/6H Parish Mass*
- Week 6** Wednesday 5 March @ 11:45am (St Aloysius Church)  
*Whole School Ash Wednesday Mass*
- Week 9** Friday, 28 March @ 9am (St Aloysius Church)  
*3J Parish Mass*
- Week 10** Friday, 4 April @ 9am (St Aloysius Church)  
*3M Parish Mass*

*All families are welcome to attend*



## School Library

Welcome to Tenison Woods Catholic School Library. Monique and Sonia are our Library Officers and we look forward to seeing students enjoying the many books we have on offer in the library.

During the school year, our school offers the Premiers Reading Challenge, National Simultaneous Storytime and also Book Week in Term 3 in which we hold a whole school parade! We also decorate the library with various themes throughout the year.

We would like to advise of some information in regards to library borrowing.

Each classroom will have an allocated borrowing day in which each student is able to browse books in the library with their teacher and they can choose two books to take home to read. Students can borrow the books for a two-week period. Students can re-borrow a further two books, once the previous books have been returned. If they want to change books weekly on their borrowing day, they can do so, but books will need to be returned within that two-week period before they can borrow anymore books.

To help our library staff ensure books are returned on time, we have the following process.

A 'late fee' will be added to school accounts for books not returned by the due date. This fee will be \$10. Before the payment is added, a letter will be sent home about the overdue or lost book, giving families time to do another search for the book at home. If the book is found and returned after the fee has been added to the family account, a refund will be provided given that the book is returned within 6 months.

## Message from P&F

The P&F wishes everyone a happy new year for 2025 and we hope that the summer holidays were very enjoyable.

The P&F is co-ordinating a couple of events for Term 1, our school Welcome event and Shrove Tuesday.

We warmly invite our wonderful school community to our Welcome event to be held on the school oval on Friday 21st February between 5pm and 7:30pm. Please see the attached flyer.

This year we are trying something new and have invited two food vendors to cater for our event.

Original Turkish Rolls in Adelaide cook up amazing Yiros, Hamburgers, Nachos, Hot chips, Sausages in bread and Felafel. Pre-order is available on Qkr!

OMG Donuts makes delicious donuts that are Gluten Free and Vegan. Purchase is available at the event.



Shrove Tuesday is a very exciting morning for the children at Tenison Woods where the school volunteers help to cook beautiful pancakes served with Maple syrup or jam. We would love your help if you are please able to spare some time on Tueaday morning of Week 6, Tuesday 4th March.

Please email [pandf@twcs.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pandf@twcs.catholic.edu.au) if you would like to help out on Shrove Tuesday. You will need to have completed the volunteer checks. Thank you!

We are always happy to welcome new people to join our parents & friends, we are a lovely bunch!. We organise a variety of events throughout the year and we rely on the support of our community to bring our plans to fruition. We aim to contribute to a warm and welcoming school community by hosting events for families, like Mothers & Fathers day events,, for parents like a cocktail evening and for the school children, like Showdown donut day. Some of our initiatives are also fundraisers, so that from time to time, we can donate various items to the school, for example the fantastic named Gazebos at the end of last year. We are grateful for any involvement, whether it's a couple of hours a year on a Bunnings BBQ, an hour flipping pancakes or a position on the Parents & Friends committee.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon at the Welcome event.

Kind regards

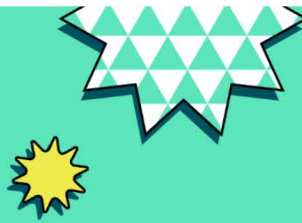
Jane O'Donoghue and Chris Trewin

06.02.25

Camp Australia OSHC Newsletter



# Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



06/01/2025

## Tenison Woods Catholic School OSHC

Your  
OSHC.



### A message from your Service Leader/Coordinator

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 1 of 2025! My name is Cherish, and I'm excited to share some updates with you. It's been a wonderful start to the year, with children settling in well throughout Vacation Care up until now, building friendships, and now transitioning to OSHC routines. Our educators have been working hard to create a welcoming and engaging environment for everyone.

This term, we've been focusing on creative activities that encourage self-expression, teamwork, and imagination. The children have enjoyed exploring various art projects, group games, and imaginative play. It's been amazing to watch their confidence grow as they form meaningful connections with both peers and educators.

I'd also like to highlight our educators, Navreet and Aakanksha. Navreet, who previously worked as a coordinator at OSHC, has returned as an educator, bringing valuable experience and enthusiasm. Aakanksha, who joined us last year, continues to learn and grow in her role, and we are excited to support her development.

As the summer heat continues, please ensure your child brings a hat each day for sun protection. If your child has allergies to our sunscreen or is sensitive to certain textures, we encourage you to provide their own sunscreen. Don't forget to use the side door for drop-offs and pick-ups to ensure a smooth transition for everyone.

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Thank you for your continued support!

Warm regards,  
Cherish

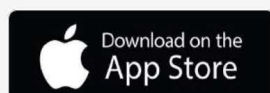


### Activities coming up

- Make Fake Snow
- Air Dry Clay Snake
- Chickpea Foam
- Smile Sticks
- Big Art Fridays:  
Abstract Painting

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### 5 Fun Facts about Cherish Tan

- Fact 1: I can speak three or more different languages.
- Fact 2: I love watching TV series/dramas on Netflix.
- Fact 3: I love to cook Asian dishes!
- Fact 4: I probably have a secret talent for karaoke!
- Fact 5: I want to travel the world and take lots of pictures.

Extra info

I have a Malaysian Chinese background. I came to Australia for studies in 2016. Before joining Camp Australia, I spent almost three years as a Kindy Teacher. I then decided that I want to work with primary-aged children, which is why I'm here. ☺ I enjoy spending time interacting with children and teaching them life skills and the world. I also enjoy gardening which is something I would like to do with the children.

Thank you for reading! ♥




Cherish Tan

### 5 Fun Facts about Aakanksha D

- Fact 1: I like travelling and exploring new places
- Fact 2: I enjoy solving puzzles and playing games that trigger brain
- Fact 3: I watch movies and TV shows in many different languages.
- Fact 4: Playing video games on my PS5 is one of my favourite activities
- Fact 5: I like trying different cuisines

Extra Info

I can speak a few Indian languages, which connects me to my roots. I'm passionate about activities like hiking and solving puzzles that keep me active and sharp. In my free time, I love travelling to new places, enjoying movies in different languages, and gaming on my PS5. Though I'm not a fan of cooking, I love trying out different cuisines whenever I travel. One day, I hope to visit even more countries and experience their cultures and food!




Aakanksha D

### 5 Fun Facts about Navreet Sandhu

- I love cooking.
- I like to do art and crafts with kids.
- I like spending time with my family.
- I like to explore new places.
- I like to watch movies.

Extra info

I have been working with Camp Australia for the last eight years and I have enjoyed every second of it. I'm looking forward to helping the kids thrive.



Navreet Sandhu

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We invite families to spend a morning with us in the warm and welcoming learning spaces we create for children, and meet some of our educators.

**Saturday 15th February 2025**  
**9.30am - 11.00am**

Thebarton Campus  
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39a Dew Street  
Thebarton SA 5031

Underdale Campus  
Gowrie SA  
10 Arthur Lemon Avenue  
Underdale SA 5032

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