



Important Dates

9.00am Friday
Liturgy - Feast of St
Aloysius (Whole
school)
Friday 23 June

TWCS Quiz Night
Saturday 5 August

Upcoming Events

Pyjama Day
Date: Thursday 29 June
Venue: Tenison Woods
Catholic School - Richmond

Cultural Day
Date: Tuesday 4 July
Venue: Tenison Woods
Catholic School - Richmond

Last Day of Term 2
Date: Friday 7 July
Time: 3:10pm
Venue: Tenison Woods
Catholic School - Richmond

Message from the Principal



Well, winter is well and truly keeping us on our frozen toes, but what a great time of year to go exploring. I love this time of year when I get to take my boys exploring through some of our natural environments.

This term has been packed full of learning, building new friendships, challenging ourselves and helping out those around us. A few highlights for Term 2:

- St Aloysius Feast Day
- Our Dance Aerobics Team have qualified for the Nationals in August – Congratulations
- Reception to Year 2 excursion to the Zoo
- Wellbeing Day and Reconciliation Day celebrations
- World Environment Day excursion
- Lacrosse clinics and carnival
- National Simultaneous Storytime
- Catholic Education Week
- Mother's Day Breakfast
- Sacrament of Reconciliation for Yr 3/4 students
- Reception classes playing host of chickens

And still to come

- Cultural Day celebrations
- Mid Year Reports
- Year 4-6 Netball Carnival

Successful programs

At Tenison Woods we have two very successful programs running for children transitioning to our school. The first is our Little Wonders Program. This program has been developed to support those children starting in Reception at TWCS. It is an opportunity for children to become familiar with the school, the sights, the sounds, the movement before they start as Receptions.

This term we have 17 Little Wonders who started their transition last week as they get ready to become big receptions next term in our Mid-Year Intake. A special thank you to Mrs Valleena Machado for being the Little Wonders teacher and their teacher for Terms 3 and 4. I would also like to thank Mrs Brooke Flatman and Claire Little in supporting the development of the program.

The other program that not only helps children transition to our school, but also a fantastic opportunity for families to connect with the school and each other is the very successful Playgroup program. This program is new for TWCS this year and is superbly coordinated by two wonderful parents, educators and human beings – Toni Hall and Shannon Hornhardt. Both parents are trained early years educators and are volunteering their time and energy to set up our weekly Playgroup. The success of this program has meant that there are upwards of 23 children and their families participating in Playgroup each Thursday morning.

On behalf of the school community, thank you Toni and Shannon.

Mid-Year Reports

This year, all Catholic Education SA schools are using a different reporting software to create our Mid-Year and End of Year Student Reports. This year's report will look a little different to that of last year. We are intending of having all Student Reports emailed to families by the end of Week 10 (July 7th).

All students will receive a report that identifies their learning achievement against the Australian Curriculum in all learning areas. It will also include grades for the Living, Learning, Leading Capabilities and a general comment. The report will be approximately 3 pages in length.

To support all families in understanding how your child is progressing in their learning and wellbeing, we will be offering Parent/Teacher Interviews in Week 3 next term. This will be an opportunity for teachers to elaborate on the Mid-Year Report grades.

In Week 4 next term, we will also be holding our Mid-Year PPL Meetings for those children currently accessing a Personalised Plan for Learning. More information will be sent out at the start of next term regarding these opportunities.

Things to come

Over the coming weeks, I am hopeful to be able to communicate a few exciting things to the wider community.

- Our Strategic Plan is in the final stages of printing and each family will be provided a copy. This plan will help guide our work over the coming years. Thank you to those parents, children and staff who were involved in the creation of the strategy.
- We are currently working with Brown Falconer Architects and Catholic Education building consultants to develop a new long-term

Masterplan to identify our building needs into the future. I am hoping this will be made available to the wider community some time next term.

- The School Board finalised the updated School Uniform Policy. A message will go out to families with the key information included.

Finally, a few Thank You's

The P&F fundraising efforts in recent times have meant that they were able to donate money to purchase a new and improved sound system. Throughout 2022, we were borrowing a system from another school for events such as Sports Day and our Christmas Concert. With the donation from the P&F, we have been able to purchase a new system of our own. A big thank you to all the families who have supported P&F events. A very big thank you to Mr Darisuz Krol our Technologies Teacher, who has been expertly putting the system together for us.

As some of you may have noticed, I was on leave for a few weeks this term. No, not having a holiday as some children thought, I have been recovering from some recent shoulder surgery. Firstly, thank you to the children and parents who have wished me well in my recovery, its lovely to hear these.

Secondly, I would like to extend my deep gratitude to the Leadership and Staff at TWCS. We all know we are very fortunate to have the quality of educators we do have; however, we also have truly wonderful human beings. Over this term, staff have taken on additional duties, helped each other out through a simple 'how are you?' just to name a few. To Claire Little and Katrina Kreis, a very sincere thank you for leading the school in my absence.

I hope you all have a wonderful Term Break, enjoying time in the great outdoors.

God Bless

Ben

Recent News

20.06.23

Assistant Principal - Teaching and Learning



Thank you to all those families who were able to help with covering of new books for the library space. We greatly appreciate the help.

The students love our Beehive space and the new books to read.

Insect Week runs from 20th June until 26th June. Insect week acknowledges the importance and uniqueness of all insects. To celebrate we have lots of displays and activities in our Beehive space for the students to explore their curiosity.

Did you know? Grasshoppers existed before dinosaurs!

Did you know? A single honeybee colony can produce around 100kg of honey each year!

Tips for supporting your child to read at home

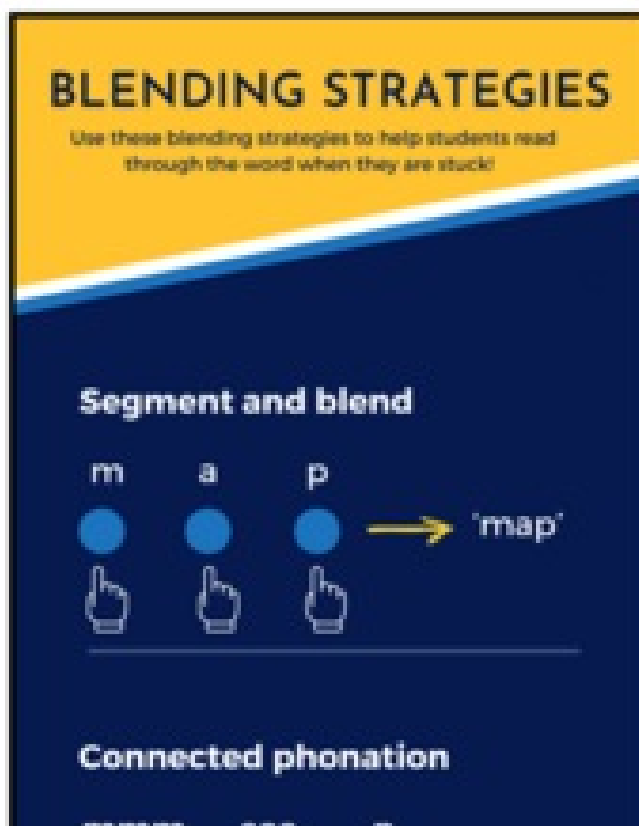
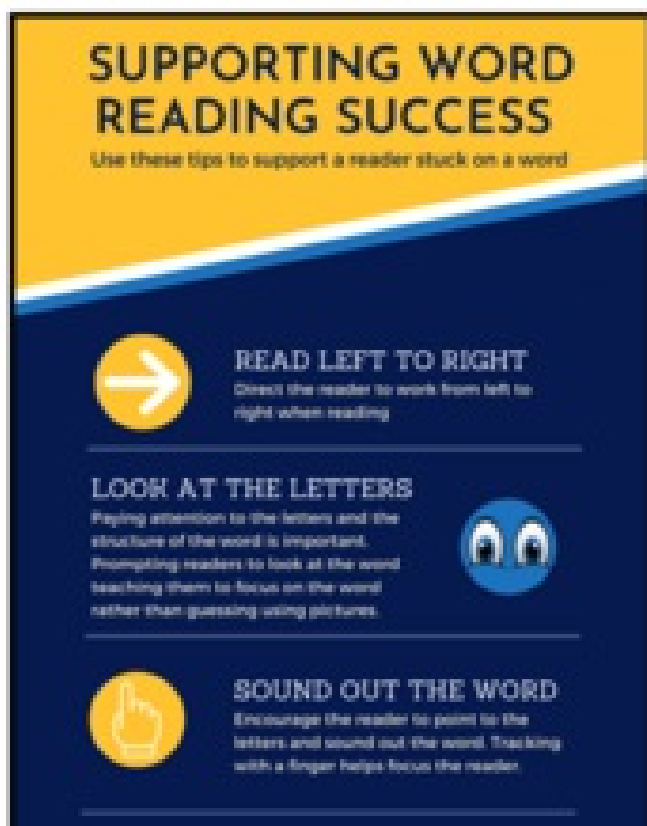
It is critical that your child does not guess at random or use the pictures to figure out unknown words. The emphasis should be on the letters and sounds, as well as the process of blending them to read the word.

Some important features when assisting with the reading process:

1. Use a tracking finger to hold the position of reading and have your child slide it along as they read.
2. If an error is made, ask your child to try decoding the word again.
3. Re-read the complete sentence to assist with fluency and understanding.

Please also see the Supporting Word Reading Success and Blending Strategies bookmarks from SPELD NSW.

Some children take a little longer to develop reading automaticity. The process of sounding out words may appear to be time-consuming, but it is necessary. It takes time and effort to learn to read! Repeated practice is the key!



BE HOLY

EVEN IF THE

TIME IS ORDINARY

Ordinary Time, in Latin Tempus per annum, is that time of the liturgical year which is not connected directly with one of the both great seasons, Christmastide and Eastertide, as well as the times of their preparation, Lent and Advent.



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Term 2 is flying by here at Tension Woods Catholic School.

As a Catholic Church we have moved from the Season of Easter into Ordinary Time. The phrase Ordinary Time has always held interest for me. Ordinary often has a negative connotation in our world; that food tasted ordinary, what an ordinary football game.... But for the Catholic Church ordinary time is anything but ordinary! Ordinary time tells the story of Jesus' ministry; it is the time when the Gospels are focused on parables, miracles, Jesus calling the twelve and speaking his famous sermons. Green is the colour associated with ordinary time symbolising the growth the Church experiences during Ordinary Time; so how do we grow through the ordinary in our lives?

The students here at Tension Woods have had many opportunities to grow this term; in their faith, their awareness and their knowledge.

Class Masses have been a highlight for me this term. Listening to God's word and experiencing the Eucharist is such a special way for the students at Tension Woods to learn more about following in Jesus' footsteps. It was beautiful to hear a member of the 2 Green class tell me how excited she was before going to Mass, and watching the Reception students engage in the singing and actions brought tears to the eyes of some of the parishioners. Please watch out for the invitations coming home with your children as Class Masses continue next term. All Mass dates will be listed in the first newsletter next term and on Audiri. You are most welcome to come to our Whole

School Liturgy tomorrow at 9am to celebrate the Feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga, the Patron of the Church here at Richmond.

I would like to acknowledge the students who have commenced in the Parish Sacramental Program this year and who completed their Sacrament of Reconciliation last week. This was a big moment for them and their families as they take this next step in their personal faith journeys. They will continue this journey next term as they celebrate their Confirmation and First Communion. If this is something your child is interested in undertaking in the future, keep an eye out towards the end of the year for information about joining the program in 2024.

Wellbeing Day this term took on the focus of Reconciliation Week and the students were involved in rotations where they were exposed to a range of different elements of Aboriginal culture. With the theme being "Be a Voice for Generations," our liturgy focused on Love for one another, and acceptance of all. In week 10 we will hold the first ever Tension Woods Cultural Day, where we will have the opportunity to recognise the diversity of cultures in our school. I look forward to seeing students in different cultural dress, bringing in different foods and being open to the knowledge they will gain through the activities that staff have planned for them.

There is nothing Ordinary about Ordinary Time!

Katrina Kreis
Acting APRIM

21.06.23

TWCS Quiz Night - Donations for Prizes



TWCS Quiz Night!

Save the Date

Saturday, 5th August 2023

West Adelaide Football Club

Join us for a fantastic night of trivia, fun
and fundraising for our school!

Hosted by our friends at Hilton Lawyers



The poster features a dark blue background with yellow and white text. On the left is the Tenison Woods Catholic School logo, which includes a cross, stars, and the motto 'In all things Love'. On the right is the Hilton Lawyers Adelaide logo, featuring a bird emblem. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, starting with the event title and date, followed by the location and a call to action.

Hilton Lawyers is pleased to announce that due to popular demand, we will be hosting another quiz night raising funds for Tenison Woods Catholic School.

You may have seen that save the date flyer for the upcoming event on the 5th of August 2023. We are reaching out to the local community as a first point of call for contributions towards the prize pool. This can be by way of vouchers or goods.

All businesses that do contribute to the event will be recognised on our Facebook and Instagram pages, as well as being mentioned on the night.

If you can help support this event, we kindly ask if you can please call our office on 8161 3600 or by way of email at clerk@hiltonlaw.com.au

We look forward to hosting this fantastic event.

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Monday, 10th July

Mission Takeoff X: Back 2 The Future

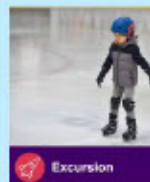
DIY time capsules



Tuesday, 11th July

Operation: Bubbles not Balloons

Make your own bubble liquid and use a wand to play!



Wednesday, 12th July

Adventure: Magic Gliding at Ice Arena

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Parents and Friends News



It was wonderful to see our community come together to for a Mother's Day celebration in May. Thank you to Diana Dente for beautiful photos on the day using the photo frame made by Anthony Morgan (Elliot Year 2). Thanks to Nick Finn (James Year 1) for helping source the delicious food. Thanks to the school staff lead by Claire Little who helped on the day, along with Kirsty Miller (Eli Year 2 and Noah Year 6).

The P&F is pleased to have recently donated funds to the school for the purchase of a new portable sound system, including microphones and speakers. This new equipment will improve everyone's experience at school events like sports day and Christmas Carols evening. We are grateful for the help and expertise provided by Dariusz, our STEM Teacher, who did all the research and sourced the equipment, thank you Dariusz! Funds raised through the initiatives supported by our fantastic community in the last year or so have made this purchase possible, we appreciate your support.

We are excited to announce our Quiz Night on Saturday 5th of August at West Adelaide Football Club. Thanks to our friends at Hilton Lawyers for organising this event for our wonderful community. Please save the date and more details to follow.

Our wine drive is currently open again for orders with another chance to win a \$100 voucher. At the end of April, one of our parents received the exciting news that they had won the \$100 VISA card competition from Wine Drive. Congratulations to Rebecca Jucha who purchased wine through the Tenison Woods Catholic School fundraiser. Order by 2 July for pick up on 6th July. <https://winedrive.com.au/collections/tenison-woods>

We have our annual Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 10th September, please save the date as we'd love some help on the day as it's a wonderful fundraiser for our school. Volunteers for this event don't need the clearances required for volunteering around children in the school. More details to come closer to the event.

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Wellbeing Parent Evening



Parent Evening

Strategies to manage anxiety and build resilience in children

In society anxiety and stress are more prevalent in children than ever before.

St Francis School is hosting a parent evening facilitated by Australia's leading expert on Mental Health and Wellbeing, Madhavi Nawana Parker. With over 20 years' experience, Madhavi is the author of "The Resilience Toolbox" and "Sanguine". She brings her award-winning expertise in wellbeing sharing her insights and strategies.

Light refreshments provided

Date: Monday 26th June 2023

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Location: Christ the King Hall

Cost: Gold Coin donation

Bookings: via link below or QR Code

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/xwxrn>

Closing date for registration is June 23rd 2023

Space is limited



**Positive
Minds
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St Francis School, Lockleys is hosting a Parent evening facilitated by Australia's leading expert on Mental Health and Wellbeing, Madhavi Nawana Parker.

When: Monday the 26th of June, 6:30-8:00pm
Where: Christ the King Hall, Lockleys
Cost: Gold Coin Donation
Booking: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/xwxrn>

Open to all parents in the community.

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Sports News



Lacrosse

We have had a busy Term already with our Year 3-6 students attending the SACPSSA Lacrosse Carnival at Woodville. In the lead up to the event to students were learning Lacrosse skills in PE lessons as well as being involved in Clinics through Sporting Schools. This is the second year TWCS have attended this carnival. For the year 3 students this was their first experience at a SACPSSA event, and they enjoyed the day with their peers and teachers. We had many parents volunteer to coach team on the day and we are truly grateful to all of them.

Auskick

This Term has also seen Auskick run each week attracting around 25 R-2 students from TWCS as well as surrounding schools. Sarah, Chloe and Ethan have been running the sessions and the student are working on skills including kicking, handballing and tackling. Parents have also been assisting and it is great to have them.

Aerobics

This is the first year of aerobics being offered as an extra-curricular sport at TWCS and The Tenison Tigers Aerobics team have

commenced competition this term. The team have practiced twice a week to learn a routine since March and worked on their execution and timing. The team made up of Year 4-6 students competed early in the term and qualified for the finals of the State Schoolaerobics competition. The team placed second in the first round. The team went on to perform on June 10th and had worked hard on feedback gathered from the judges earlier in the term. The team were awarded the gold medal on June 10th and have been selected in the National Schoolaerobics Championships to be held in Adelaide in August. They will compete at the Entertainment Centre against teams from around Australia!! Well done, an amazing achievement already!!

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Wellbeing



Tenison Woods Catholic School Wellbeing Approach

At Tenison Woods Catholic School we are working towards becoming a Positive Education School. All of our staff have been involved in training in Positive Education and we have a consistent language with our staff, students and community around Wellbeing and mental health. At the heart of Positive Education is 'engaging wholeheartedly with pro-active practices which strengthen our wellbeing'. Positive Education is based around Martin Seligman's Positive Psychology and applies the acronym PERMAH in our teaching, learning and life. Along with this we teach the students about the VIA 24 character strengths. Character Strengths are the positive parts of your personality that impact how you think, feel and behave. Scientists have identified 24 character strengths that you have the capacity to express. (VIA Institute on Character). Further information can be found at the below website: www.viacharacter.org

At Tenison Woods we are extremely fortunate to have across our school Wellbeing at 3 working levels.

Tier 1 – whole school/community approach

Tier 2 – small group approach

Tier 3 – 1:1 approach

Tier 1

This year we have continued with the social and emotional learning program Grow Your Mind. In consultation with our staff a Grow Your Mind scope and sequence for our school has been developed. This supports the classes in their learning and implementation of the program. If you get the opportunity to pop in to your child's classroom or converse with your child about the Grow Your Mind program

you will see and hear evidence of this program in practice.

Tier 2

This term our Tier 2 approach has taken on two new programs. These programs are orienteering and cooking. These programs have been written by our highly motivated and qualified ESO's Ethan and Monique with the support of Courtney and Claire. These programs see the children engaging in new activities in a small group of 4-6 students. Students' complete tasks and learn about working in a group, building relationships and connections. The programs have been extremely successful, and students and families are seeing the benefits of this opportunity for the children to participate in.

Tier 3

Through the Partner's in Practice initiative our school is involved in, we are fortunate enough to have access to 2 qualified allied health workers. Gaby, who has a degree in Psychology and Karlee a Developmental Educator and teacher work with individual students supporting them in their social and emotional learning.

In week 6, the four Partners in Practice schools along with 13 other schools (160 Educators altogether) engaged in a Professional Development entitled "**Wellbeing for All- All the time**". This professional development was facilitated by David Bott, from the Wellbeing Distillery, a highly recognised professional organisation that specialises in the science of wellbeing and implementation of Wellbeing in Education. The day was engaging, thought provoking and at times challenging. It was a day full of energy, learning and appreciation for our educators and all they do for our schools. This learning can be applied to our own lives and to support our children within our school.

I am here at TWCS on a part-time basis but my door is always open to support your child and your family as we navigate the remainder of the year together. Your first port of call obviously in terms of your child's Well-being is the classroom teacher, but please also know that if you are in need of further support, feel free to email me or come and see me on my day at school.

Courtney Quigley



22.06.23

Arch D Podcasting Leaders Day



The Arch D Podcasting Leaders Day 2023 was held on Wednesday and hosted student representatives from 24 **Catholic Education South Australia** schools to get some great podcasting & radio insights from special guests Ali Clarke & Tom Basso, and to take part in the team podcasting challenge!

Congratulation to Ralph M and Toby S who were chosen to represented TWCS on the day.

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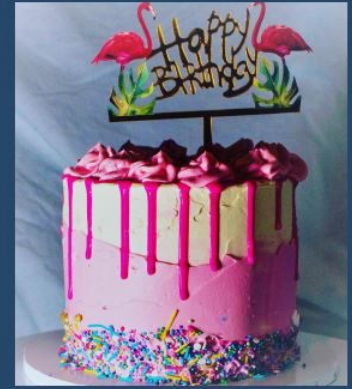
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