



Important Dates

End of Term 4

Wednesday 8 December
2021

End of Year Mass - 1.45pm

Wednesday 8 December
2021

Pupil Free Day

Thursday 9 December 2021

Pupil Free Day

Friday 10 December 2021

09.12.21

Message from the Principal



Congratulations! I have been wonderfully impressed with how well the children have engaged in their learning this term and it was great to read through each child's report in recent weeks that demonstrate just how hard they have all been working. Well done children.

Last Thursday and again on Monday night, we were fortunate enough to have an opportunity to farewell our graduating children at the Graduation Dinner and Mass. This was a lovely chance for the children to speak to our community about their journey here at Tenison Woods. There were lots of laughter and the occasional tear. As I said to the graduating children at the Dinner, the TWCS community is always open to you, come back and visit us soon! During our Mass, we announced the recipients of the Mary Mackillop Award and Tenison Woods Award. These two awards are given to a boy and girl from our graduating group who have demonstrated exceptional leadership during their time at TWCS. The two recipients are:

- Lucy Ung and Balsher Singh

This week we have also farewelled a number of children and staff who leave our community to take on new opportunities elsewhere. Kelly Stevens, Maria French, Nicole Puopolo and Naomi Ali will be leaving our teaching community in 2022. Kelly will be taking on a 12 month contract teaching Year 3 at Star of the Sea School. Nicole heads to St John Bosco as a permanent Reception teacher. Maria will be taking a break during 2022 to enjoy spending time with her grandchildren. Naomi will be continuing her work in the Department for Education. On behalf of the entire TWCS community, we wish them well for 2022.

During our End of Year Mass this week we were able to give thanks for the wonderful year we have had at Tenison Woods School. At the end of Mass there were a number of awards presented to children. The Inspiring Excellence awards are given to one child per year level who demonstrates a positive commitment to their learning. I congratulate:

- Harvey Bond
- Yasmin Sandhu
- Ella Bond
- Eva Watson
- Stella Ricci
- Matilda Shannon
- Archie Leigh

The Hindmarsh Shield recipient is selected from this list of children. This child is selected as the overall winner of the Inspiring Excellence award. It was with great pleasure that I presented this to Ella Bond. These awards are a fantastic recognition of children in our community who consistently demonstrate the Character Strength of Love of Learning and Perseverance towards each and every learning opportunity.

We have a some very exciting additions to our teaching and learning programs in 2022 that I would like to share with you. We have introduced two new positions within our teaching community. The first is a position of responsibility in Early Years Literacy. Claire Little will be working with the Leadership Team and staff to implement a Reception to Year 6 synthetic phonics teaching program that will be underpinned by Multi-Sensory Structured teaching practices that are designed to support children with dyslexia. Research has proven that this form of teaching ensures all children are catered for in their learning journey. To support this implementation, I have also appointed a Literacy Intervention specialist ESO. This role is designed to provide explicit, targeted intervention for those children who are requiring additional support in their literacy acquisition.

There will also be the addition of STEM to all classes Reception to Year 6 taught by Kim Martin. For those of you who have had your child experience a class with Kim, I am sure you understand the wonderful addition this is to our teaching program. As a part of Kim's work with the Yr 6 children, we will also be establishing the Arch D Podcast series. During Semester 1, children will be learning the specifics of developing their own podcast and radio station. Keep an ear out for that!

The School Leadership Team for 2022

Ben Catalano – Principal and Inclusive Education

Rita Campbell – APRIM

Sarah Byrne – Leader of Learning and Inclusive Education

Courtney Quigley – Wellbeing Leader

Claire Little – Early Years Literacy Leader

Commencing in TERM 2, 2022, the Camp Australia Before School Care service will be available to all families. This means that from Term 2, 2022 School supervision will not commence until 8:20am, meaning all children arriving before this time will need to access Before School Care. More information will be available in the new year to support families in this change.

This week, all parent volunteers have received a reminder email from our Front Office staff regarding the completion of the Volunteer Responding to Abuse and Neglect online training. This needs to be completed by the end of the year with certificates forwarded to Diana Dente. Parents will not be able to volunteer without this certificate.

Some Key Dates for 2022

January 24 – The School Office will open

January 31 – First day of school for all children – Coffee Van for those wanting to stay around in the morning

February 3 – Meet the Teacher information evening (times to be confirmed)

February 11 – Parents and Friends Welcome Picnic on the oval

Finally, I wish to extend a sincere thank you to each of you in our community for the way in which you have welcomed me this term. I am extremely grateful for being a part of this fantastic community and I am excited about what is sure to be a year of flourishing for TWCS. Have a blessed Christmas with your family.

Stay safe and we will see you all in the New Year.

God Bless

Ben

Recent News

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Religious Identity and Mission



Christmas Message from Pope Francis

Christmas is usually a noisy party: we could use a bit of silence, to hear the voice of Love. Christmas is you, when you decide to be born again each day and let God into your soul. The Christmas pine is you, when you resist vigorous winds and difficulties of life. The Christmas decorations are you, when your virtues are colours that adorn your life. The Christmas bell is you, when you call, gather and seek to unite. You are also a Christmas light, when you illuminate with your life the path of others with kindness, patience, joy and generosity. The Christmas angels are you, when you sing to the world a message of peace, justice and love. The Christmas star is you, when you lead someone to meet the Lord. You are also the wise men, when you give the best you have no matter who. Christmas music is you when you conquer the harmony within you. The Christmas gift is you, when you are truly friend and brother or sister of every human being. The Christmas card is you, when kindness is written in your hands. The Christmas greeting is you, when you forgive and re-establish peace, even when you suffer. The Christmas dinner is you, when you sated bread and hope to the poor person, who is by your side. You are, yes, Christmas night, when humble and conscious, you receive in the silence of the night the Saviour of the world without noise or great celebrations; you are a smile of trust and tenderness, in the inner peace of a perennial Christmas that establishes the Kingdom within you. A very Merry Christmas for all those, who are Christmas.

The Christmas season is upon us. We have started making our gift lists and including family and friends on our lists. But we may also include teachers, coaches, and even service workers, as we want to give everyone a gift, showing our love and appreciation for all they do during the year. The idea of holiday gift giving — to show love and gratefulness to others who have touched our lives — is certainly parallel to the concept of stewardship.

Stewardship — returning a portion, or gift, to God in love and thankfulness — follows the very same pattern. Think of all God has done for you this year, and how this love has impacted you. The blessings are no doubt countless. These abundant gifts God bestows on us are given to us freely out of love. Now think of all the ways you respond to these bountiful blessings. How do you choose to show God your thankfulness? As we prepare for the coming of Jesus during Advent, do we remember to add this name to our list? It is Jesus' birthday we are celebrating, after all.

The very first name on the list — above our spouse, children, relatives and friends — should be God's name. As good stewards, we are called to give God our "first fruits," and not what is left over. His name should not be added to our list out of guilt, or as an afterthought. We should instead joyfully desire to place God first on our list for the same reason we want to give gifts to the others on our list — out of love and appreciation.

Stewardship allows us to tangibly give a Christmas gift to God through our time, talent and treasure. Why not spend an hour in the church adoring God, or pray a Rosary to share your time with Him? Perhaps you might bring a meal to a family going through a difficult time, or watch an infant for a young mother so she can prepare for Christmas. Providing an extra offering by way of the Christmas envelope is also a perfect way to share your treasure with God. Whatever choice you make this season, make the decision to be a good Christmas steward.

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Year 6 Graduation



Congratulations to our Year 6 Students who graduated this week.

We wish you all the best for your future.

Good luck and God Bless.

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Inspiring Excellence Awards



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Sports News



End of Year Summary

On Tuesday of week 7 we held the Sports Assembly. This was an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate those students who

represented our school in a variety of different sports across the year. I have included a number of photos of the various sporting teams.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the TWCS community for their support of the sports program in 2021. This year we had over 100 students participate in the after-school sports program and about the same amount of students took part in the various carnivals the school took part in. This is an outstanding achievement for a school our size. We had students participating in Master Blaster Cricket, Basketball, Netball and Soccer with Soccer continuing to be popular and a large growth in Basketball this year.

The sports program at TWCS could not be this successful without the amazing supports of all the coaches/managers and volunteers who give up their own time to coach, mentor and assist the students so that they enjoy their activity and develop their sports skills. I sincerely thank all of our volunteers once again. Also, a thank you must go to the parents and families for supporting your child's interest in a wide variety of sports and ensuring that the children are at the games where and when they are needed.

The end of this year sees the end of me undertaking this role as PE teacher and Sports Coordinator. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 7 years in the Sports Coordinating role and I would like to thank the whole TWCS community for their support of myself and the sports program over the past years.

I look forward to watching the continuing to growth of the sports program here at TWCS in 2022. May you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Tom Atyeo
Sports Coordinator



08.12.21

Parents and Friends News

Hi TWCS Families,

Orders have closed on another successful Wine fundraiser with just over \$1800.00 raised! A huge thank you to Kirsty Miller for again organising and to all the families and friends who have continually purchased and supported this fundraiser.

On the first day back to school (Monday 31st Jan) we will be holding a coffee morning for all parents to commemorate or commiserate the start of the new year. We will hold the gathering on the TWCS oval and encourage all parents, new and old, to pop down for a coffee and chat. Hope to see you there!

We will also hold a Welcome Picnic on Friday 11th Feb on the oval. We will have a jumping castle (potentially a water slide weather permitting). More details to follow at the beginning of the year.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers that have helped make this year fun and exciting for the children & raising over \$10,000 to date.

Thank you to our P&F Committee: Kirsty Miller, Michelle Mellar, Mel Bond, Tenille White, Ryan McBride, Jane O'Donoghue and Rebacca Hein. And to all of the parent volunteers who helped with numerous events throughout the year: Vinny Maresca, Stella and Chris Chubb, Dan Miller, Stuart Rainsford, Micki & James Wells, Kathy D'aloia, Gen Scatena, Chris Angelopoulos, Delmy Ramirez, Stella Charalambous, Jane Paech, Marie Pietris, Fiona & Ray Cossey, Angela Fraser, Alison Pirone, Lauren Maiolo, Frances Doherty, Annabel Sandry, Ally Benbow, Padhu Latha and Nicola Manos.

Up coming events

- Next P&F meeting will be held next year
- Coffee morning Monday 31st 8:45am
- Welcome Picnic 11th Feb

Jess Rainsford

P & F Chair

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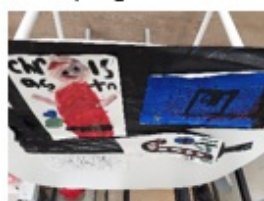


A message from your Coordinator

Hello families,

This week at OSHC we celebrated Talent Week, it was a great week to showcase children's talents, skills and strengths whilst also encouraging children to step out of the comfort zones and try new things!

Some of the activities included, puppet show, painting, musical and dance! The children were excited to showcase their talents with others and they have been engaged throughout the program.



If you have any ideas of activities, we could run at OSHC, please come in and see me as I would love to hear some of your thoughts!

Navreet (coordinator) & Riley (assistant)

Activities coming up

- Playdough
- Christmas Craft

What's on the menu

- Pizza Bread with Beans
- Chocolate Cake
- Popcorn

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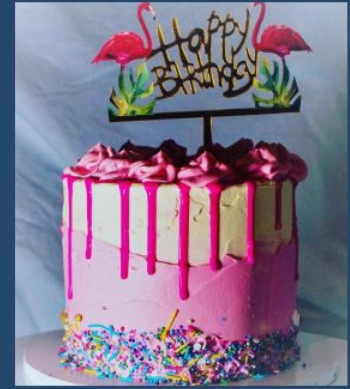
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