



Important Dates

Carols Night

Friday 6 December 2024

Year 6 Graduation

Dinner

Monday 9 December 2024

End of Year Mass

9.15am

Tuesday 10 December 2024

Last Day of Term

Wednesday 11 December 2024

Pupil Free Day

Thursday 12 December 2024

Pupil Free Day

Friday 13 December 2024

First Day of School 2025

Tuesday 28 January 2025

Message from the Principal



First and foremost, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, whose unwavering commitment to the wellbeing of all, has shaped the educational experience for our students. Your passion, hard work and tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed, and I am truly grateful for the positive impact you have had on the lives of our students.

To the children, you are the heart and soul of our school. Your enthusiasm, curiosity, and willingness to learn inspires us each day. It has been a pleasure to witness your growth and development throughout the year. As you embark on your well-deserved break, remember that you are capable of achieving great things, and I am confident that you will continue to make us proud in all your future endeavours.

As we approach the end of another school year, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we have undertaken together. It has been a year filled with growth, learning, and shared moments that have enriched our lives.

Final Staffing Announcements for 2025

At our end of year mass next week, we will be farewelling two other staff members who have been at TWCS for a number of years who have both chosen to take on new challenges in 2025.

Firstly Courtney Quigley. Courtney has been a teacher at Tenison Woods for a very long time, having time off to be mum to her 4 children and support her family when they moved to Wallaroo for 5 years. Courtney has been a wonderful advocate for each child, the TWCS community and at her core has been the wellbeing of each member of this great community. Courtney will be focusing on new adventures and family in 2025. On behalf of the community past and present, I thank Courtney for all she has done and wish her all the best.

Secondly, Dee Dente has recently made the decision to take up a newly created role at Nazareth Early Learning Centre, commencing in

January. This is an exciting opportunity for Dee to take her many skills to a new community supporting the youngest of learners and their families. Dee has been a consistent warm welcome and wonderful ambassador of our school community, often going above and beyond to support those in our community. I sincerely thank Dee for all that she has done for our community.

We welcome a few new staff into our community for next year. Corey Carlaw and Sophie Hurley will be joining our teaching team in 2025. Both teachers are very excited and have already had a few visits to start to get to know our wonderful community. We will be working to find a new Front Office Administrator over the Christmas period to hopefully be ready to start in 2025 with the Administration team.

Once again, on behalf of all in our community, I thank Courtney and Dee for all they have committed to our families and staff and wish them all the best in their new adventures.

Student Leadership

This term we have worked to finalise our student leadership team before we end the year, in the hope our student leaders are able to support the school when we come back in 2025. After a process that included a speech to their peers, voting and shortlisting, 17 students then met with Katie Cummings and I for a formal interview of all the shortlisted candidates. After a lot of discussion amongst the school leadership team and staff, I am extremely proud to announce our Student Leadership Team for 2025.

Mackillop

Eli Ramazan and Frankie Fabbian

Tenison

Elise Kerr and Ella Bond

Aloysius

Hudson Sneath and Annika Eig

Penola

Jack Gosling and Zara Zivkov

Meet the Teacher Morning

On Monday, children will be spending the morning with their 2025 class and teacher. This is a small welcome session to help children familiarise themselves with their new teacher, peers and learning space. The children will be bringing home a letter with the details of their 2025 class (just in case they don't remember their new teacher's name).

Placing children in their classes for the following year is a process that takes a significant amount of time, discussion, consideration of a great variety of factors and drafts. This is a process that requires professional judgement to determine the best overall fit for each class. I ask that your response to your children remains positive, growth minded and productive.

End of Year Reports

On Monday, the end of year reports will be emailed to all families. These reports outline your child's progress against the Australian Curriculum that has been taught in Semester 2 this year. In having discussions with teaching staff over the last few weeks, I have been extremely impressed with the growth and progress our children have demonstrated this year.

Graduation

Next week we will be celebrating our graduating class at the Graduation Dinner and Ceremony for our Year 6 students as they journey to the next stage of their educational life. I often speak about the wonders that are experienced in a catholic parish primary school. We are blessed to witness each child's growth as they developed and learnt about themselves throughout their time at TWCS. Congratulations to David Molloy, Tiana Henderson and Sheena Pattinson for coordinating this significant event.

Christmas Concert

After another big year that included our Catholic Schools Music choir, Mrs E has yet again prepared the children so beautifully for our end of year Carols on the Green evening this Friday. It's gatherings like this that give life to our wonderful community. Thank you to the St John Bosco Community for allowing us to borrow their hall.

A few thank you's

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks on behalf of all in our community for the wonderful dedication and commitment many have displayed in 2024. To Dave Wylie as School Board Chair and the entire Board, thank you for your support of the Leadership Team

and the staff. To Chris Trewin and Jane O'Donoghue as members of the P&F Exec, for all that you do to support the fundraising and social connections for our families.

To Shannon, who this year has volunteered her Thursday mornings each and every week to provide a welcoming, nurturing and caring environment for our TWCS PLAYGROUP. Thank you for sharing your expertise in early childhood development to develop such a wonderful Playgroup program. Shannon won't be continuing in our Playgroup next year as she concentrates on her teaching roles. Monique Montesi will be coordinating our Playgroup in 2025.

Building Project

During January and February, we will be taking our building project to the final planning stages with the process of appointing a builder. We are very excited to be starting the construction of the new Junior Primary Building and Administration/Front Office area by the end of Term 1 next year. There will be lots of updates throughout the early stages of 2025 to make sure everyone is aware of this exciting development.

I wish each and every member of our community a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year. See you in 2025!

Recent News

Religious Identity and Mission



Season of Advent

We are now in the Season of Advent, which is the first season of the new liturgical year, which this year began on Sunday 1st December. The Season of Advent is a time of joyful preparation as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Advent invites us to slow down, think about the true meaning of Christmas, and prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus, also known as Emmanuel, which means "God-with-us."

In our Catholic tradition, the Advent Wreath is a special symbol of this season. Each candle we light remind us of hope, peace, joy, and love - the gifts Jesus brings to the world.

There are four candles on the Advent Wreath:

The first candle is purple and represents **HOPE**

The second candle is purple and represents **PEACE**

The third candle is pink and represents **JOY**

The fourth candle is purple and represents **LOVE**

At school, we are embracing the spirit of Advent by reflecting on these four gifts and thinking about how we can share them with others. We encourage families to take a moment at home to talk about what Advent means and how you can prepare together to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide's [Christmas Family Advent Calendar](#) is now available to access online. It is their hope that families will embrace the joy of the Christmas season and the spirit of giving through this meaningful Family Christmas Advent Calendar.

Sacramental Program 2025

A reminder that information has been sent out to families via Audiri regarding the 2025 Sacramental Program. This program is open to any child who is in Year 3 or above this year (will be in Year 4 or above in 2025) and has been baptised.

Further details will be given at an information session being held at 6:30pm on Tuesday 18th February 2025 at St John Bosco church Hall section "A", 17 Lipsett Terrace, Brooklyn Park.

If you feel that your child is ready to continue their sacramental journey, please come along to the information session to find out more. A letter with further information as well as the Sacramental Program registration form has been posted to Audiri.

Altar Servers

Over the last few weeks, Father Long Hai has met with a group of 9 students on two separate occasions to train them as altar servers. These are students who received their sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist this year or in 2023.

They are to be commended for the wonderful way in which they have engaged in these sessions in a respectful and reverent manner. With some of our current altar servers graduating, it is great to have some more students who can take part in upcoming masses by being altar servers. All of our newly trained altar servers will be involved in our End of Year Mass next Tuesday.

End of Year Mass

Next Tuesday 19th December at 9:15am, we will gather as a whole school community to celebrate our End of Year Mass. This is an opportunity for us to reflect and give thanks for the 2024 school year. It will also be an opportunity for us to farewell our graduating Year 6 students, as well as any other students and staff that are leaving our school community. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for this celebration.

Thank you and Merry Christmas

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families in our school

community for your support throughout my first year here at Tenison Woods. Your generosity in donating to various charities this year has made a significant difference to those in need. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a joyful holiday season filled with peace, love, and cherished moments with your families.

Warm regards,
Sheena Pattinson

20.11.24

Wellbeing Woods Day



On Friday 15th November we celebrated Wellbeing and Woods Day. On this day we worked to deepen our connection to Father Julian Tenison Woods, his work and ourselves through being in, appreciating and exploring nature. The day started with our Junior Primary and

Upper Primary students engaging in a reflective Liturgy based on the life of Father Julian. The Junior Primary students then explored a nature play area with dirt, worms, and straw. They had a lot of fun digging and exploring. The Upper Primary classes made bird feed holders. After recess all classes worked with a buddy class to enjoy a range of different activities including a nature sounds meditation, cloud gazing, a nature scavenger hunt, nature painting on canvas with spices, fruit and vegetable pigments, explored their understanding of Father Julian Woods the '-ologist' and sunflower seed planting. It was a wonderful day spent outside connecting with each other and nature.

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Year 6 Camp



On the 20th of November, the year six students left in a bus for camp at Adare in Victor Harbour. When we arrived at Adare, we got straight into it and walked to the beach. At the beach we split off into our tribes, tribe one and tribe two. (Later named the Deevaz and the Baddeez.) Our tribes were competing to win the most points and win a prize. At the beach some of the fun activities we did were digging a hole under a pool noodle and trying to get our whole tribe underneath the hole and out and a water relay where we had to make a channel to get the water back to the ocean. Later that night, we went on a long walk to Granite Island and back. We got back at about 9:20pm and quickly got ready for our talent show before getting ready for a sleepless night. For day two, everyone was wide awake at a very early time. We had breakfast and got ready to go to the beach and do raft building. We had to ride our rafts in the ocean and the waves were massive and some of the rafts got destroyed. Then we split into our tribes and one tribe went kayaking and the other rode mountain bikes. When we went kayaking, many of us kept bumping into bushes and trees. Then for our night activity we watched (we weren't really watching it) 'The Secret Life of Pets'. Then we were off to "bed". For the last day, Mr. Molloy decided to wake us up early and play the Pina Colada song. We then had to fully pack up our dorms and get ready for breakfast. The activities we did were Brain Twisters and the Flying Kiwi (where we were lifted 13-14 meters in the air.) Both of these activities were really fun, but the heat really got

in the way. We had lunch and got on the bus and made our way back to school.



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Market Day





Parents and Friends



As Term 4 of 2024 draws to a close, we look back on a wonderful year at Tenison Woods and are so very grateful for the opportunity to host the events for the school community, our successful fundraising and we are especially thankful for our fantastic volunteer support.

- Icy Treat Wednesday has been a welcome occurrence for the school children during Term 4, especially since the weather this term has seemed warmer than usual! Many thanks to the super-efficient Kimberley Marjas for handing out the ice blocks from the canteen, every Wednesday.
- Well done to all the school children who created such beautiful artwork that was made into Christmas Cards, produced by The Crazy Camel company. If you were able to purchase a pack of cards, we hope your family and friends get a nice surprise to receive a lovely card made by your child/ren. Thanks for your support with this initiative and fundraiser. Thanks again to Marissa Sorich for facilitating this project along with the support of our wonderful schoolteachers and office staff.
- Our Bunnings BBQ was held in slightly grey, sometimes drizzly weather on Saturday 23rd November. We had a fun and successful day selling around 830 sausages & 240 drinks to many of our school families and the Bunnings customers!

As a school community we are very fortunate to have so many people willing to help towards a successful day with planning, preparing supplies for the BBQ, helping set up, cook, serve and pack up! Not to mention the purchase of virtual sausages that really helps keep our expenses down.

Now it is time for the big T H A N K S ☺

Goodman Fielder are always very generous to provide all the fresh sliced bread for our Bunnings BBQs, we are very grateful. Thanks to Kirsty Miller, Keryn MacDonald, (Me, ha ha) and our year 3 / 4 boys for pre-serviette-ing the bread!

Thanks to our local supermarkets Woolworths Hilton & Coles Kurralta Park for the gift vouchers that we used to purchase sauces, serviettes etc for the day.

A huge thanks to our wonderful BBQ captain Dave Marshall for giving up his whole Saturday to make sure things ran very well! Molto Grazie to our big team of fantastic and fun helpers Kirsty Miller, Hamish Burke, Chris Trewin, Anthony Morgan, Ryan McBride, Sarah Finn, Tracy Ricciardi, Callie Bryson, Stella Chubb & Stella Charalambous, Rebecca Hein, Craig Griffiths, Roger Wilkins & Ben Catalano. Thank you, how lucky we are to have you all to help! It is not only these fabulous people that we have to thank, but also their families at home that looked after the children. Please see the attached photos where we all look greatly co-ordinated in our Tenison Woods aprons!

It really takes a village to put on a Bunnings BBQ & the purchase of virtual sausages really helped to cover some of our expenses. If we couldn't see you in person on the day it really meant a lot to know that you were supporting us!

Many thanks to

Lauran Bierman, Alana Quinn, Benjamin Wood, Joanne Howitt-Smith, Emma Dawes, Emily White, Gen Scatena, Alice de Giorgi, Cherise Conrick, Toni Hall, Mutsa Gwanzura, Shailendra Nazareth, Daniel Hornhardt, Craig Fabbian, Amita Karnawat, Reena Parmar, Eddy Meira Loureiro & Carol Coffey.

- Lastly, thanks to our supporters of our Christmas wine drive! Cheers to Kirsty Miller for organising all the wine drives this year.
- We are very happy to donate the funds raised this term to the school for the purchase of 2 beautiful new navy blue 3 x 4.5 metre Gazebo's, printed with the Tenison Woods name. These shades come with removable walls and will be very useful for many purposes for years to come!

Wishing you all the blessing of the Christmas Season from your 2024 Parents & Friends

Jane, Chris, Dave, Keryn, Kirsty, Rebecca, Marissa, Ryan, Tracy, Nick, Sarah & Catherine.



SACPSSA Athletics Carnival 2024



After an immense effort from 40 students in Years 3-6, We are proud to announce that Tenison Woods has won the SACPSSA Athletics Carnival in both the Boys and Girls divisions for our Section!

With a whopping 70+ events to fill, all students who attended gave it their all, and were fortunate enough to come away with two shields and five banners to show for it!

Some special mentions and award winners are as follows:

- Aarohi winning Year 3 Girl Age Champion (won 1st all five of her events)
- Year 5 Boys Age Level Winners
- Year 5 Girls Age Level Winners
- Overall Boys Division Winners (Shield)
- Overall Girls Division Winners (Shield)

A special thank you goes out to all parent volunteers who assisted with SACPSSA marshalling, shuttling students to and from events, and supporting and cheering us on from the grandstands. The atmosphere from all was unmatched and made the carnival a day to remember!

Congratulations once again to the athletes that participated, our results are a true testament to the hard work and dedication they've put in to their training over several weeks.

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Year 2 Come and Try Sports



On Tuesday Week 5, the Year 2 cohort travelled to the City Parklands to participate in a PE Come and Try Day. This event saw many sporting organisations and PE Leaders from surrounding Catholic schools showcase and deliver fun activities for Year 2 students to try.

Some fun PE games include Softball, Rugby, Soccer, Golf, Cricket and much more! The students had such an amazing time trying out the many different sports and games on offer and gave them a sense of what they might like to play in the future.

A big thank you to all our parent volunteers and helpers for assisting us on the day, and a big congratulations to all Year 2 students for giving it their all and having a go! Mitch Saba (Sports Coordinator)

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TWCS Library news

As we approach the end of the year, we're excited to celebrate some wonderful achievements in the library! It has been a busy and successful year filled with reading challenges, creative activities, and a love for books. We've seen students borrow more books than ever.

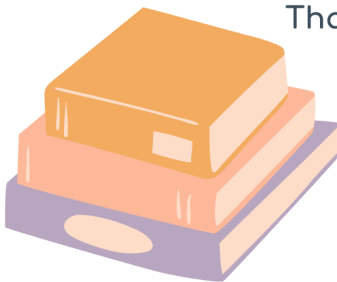
Thank you all for making the library such a special place!

Library Achievements for the Year:

As we reflect on 2024, here are some exciting highlights from the library:

- Total number of books borrowed this year: 6,651
- Most popular series: Weirdo Series by Anh Do
- Most borrowed picture book: Pig the Rebel by Aaron Blabey
- Most borrowed novel: Hopping Weird by Anh Do.
- Highest borrowing class: 2FJ - congratulations on your amazing reading efforts!
- Top student borrower: Ariana Krasniqi year 2FJ – well done! You've earned the option to choose a special prize.
- New books added in 2024: We've welcomed 955 new books into our collection this year.

This incredible achievement has led to a surge in student participation in the Scholastic Book Club. As a result, Tenison Woods has earned \$1,100 to purchase new books for the school.



Thank you to all the students and staff for making the library such a vibrant place to learn, read, and grow!

Wishing you safe and happy holidays
Monique and Sonia
Library Service Officers

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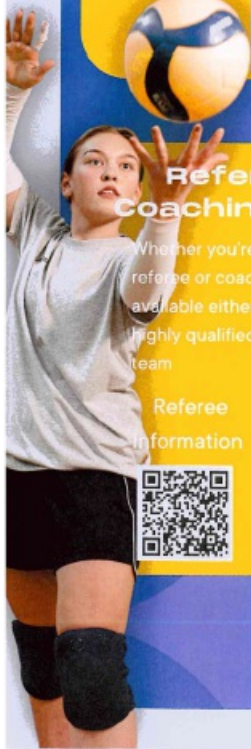
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Emerging Talent Hubs

Tier 5 of our Performance Pathway, the Emerging Talent Hub Program, focuses on teaching fundamental volleyball skills while fostering a passion for the sport.

Hubs located in Stirling, Salisbury, Reynella and Kidman Park



Grange Social Girls Cricket

SOCIAL GIRLS CRICKET



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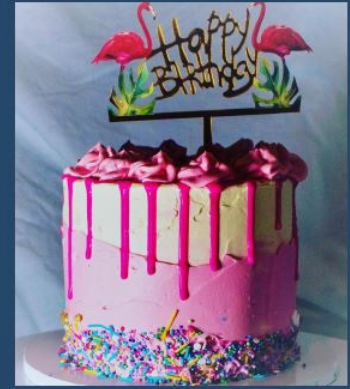
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