

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 | WEEK 5 | 2021



**MT TORRENS
CHRISTIAN**
SCHOOL



2021 Term Dates

- TERM 1** 27 January - 9 April
- TERM 2** 27 April - 2 July
- TERM 3** 26 July - 24 September
- TERM 4** 11 October - 3 December

Up Coming Events

MONDAY 31st MAY

Whole School Photos - 9.10am

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F-4 Excursion | The Coach House, Mt Torrens History Museum

TUESDAY 1st JUNE

SACSA Cross Country

WEDNESDAY 2nd JUNE

Hot Dog Day

WEDNESDAY 23rd JUNE

MTCS Musical Matinee Performance 1.15-3pm

THURSDAY 24th JUNE

MTCS Musical Performance 6.30-8.15pm
Early Dismissal from School at 12.30pm

FRIDAY 25th JUNE - PUPIL FREE DAY

MTCS Musical Performance 6.30-8.15pm

Welcome To Week 5

Victor Frankl, a Psychiatrist, experienced the horrors of imprisonment in a Nazi death camp from 1942-45. Despite losing all his family he was liberated and reflected on his experiences in a book he wrote titled, "Man's search for meaning". This book has sold millions of copies which is an indication that finding meaning for human existence is an important quest for human thought and enquiry. His conclusion about the meaning or purpose for living was, "What man actually needs is ... the striving & struggling for a worthwhile goal, a freely chosen task – the call of a potential meaning waiting to be fulfilled by him". This observation suggests that meaning has its source outside of and beyond self. The "Why?" behind human existence is found in a focus on something bigger and beyond what we are in ourselves. On this basis, there is no greater focus, bigger and beyond what we are in ourselves, than God.

The call of God as "the call of a potential meaning waiting to be fulfilled" is the greatest source of meaning that we can discover in this life.

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From the Principal

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This was the conclusion of the Apostle Paul when he described God's call as, "the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:14). Further still, Os Guinness, in his book "The Call" makes the point about Gods call as, " the most comprehensive re-orientation & the most profound motivation in human experience – the ultimate WHY for living in all history (God's call)... places the final aim in life beyond the world where it was meant to be. Answering God's call is the way to find & fulfil the central purpose of your life".

These descriptions of a God-focus are lofty and grand and as such they inspire a meaning to life that is ultimate and eternal. We need such a "high calling" to truly inspire and elevate us in our approach to life. However, we also need something that is more immediate and present. This more immediate focus of meaning in daily living occurs in our Scripture memory passage in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven".

"Let your life shine before men" is a focus to give meaning to the routines of life that are immediate and present. However, this meaning is not just to live to glorify God yourself, but to live so that others will glorify Him too. What greater meaning and purpose could there be than this dual outcome. What greater joy could there be than to live a life that gives evidence of God's presence, and inspires others to be aware of His presence too.

George Sears (Dr)

Year F-1 Excursion

Kowald's Farm

Students had a glorious time as they visited the Kowald dairy and farm on two different properties. The sun was shining as the children fed calves and watched the milking. The children were delighted with the young goats (kids) and a baby lamb that joined in a game of chasey. Children were impressed with the new sounds and smells on the farm. Farm words were developed in class and included in writing, to expand student's knowledge of animal families. The story of milk, from paddock to table is being investigated.

On the Farm - By Evie Zarubin

On the farm we had a lovely day. We saw a garden and a hollow tree. It had two burrows in it. We saw goats. We heard a rooster. We saw cows getting milked and they came to the vat. We fed a calf near the dairy. On the farm it stank. I smelt some fresh air. We heard goats bleating and a calf sucking and kids laughing.

Hot Dog Day

Wednesday 2nd June

On Wednesday 2nd June, MTCS will be having a hot dog day.

Hot dogs will be provided to the whole school including staff. Due to a kind donation, there will be no charge to families.



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Design and Technology

With Mr Trinkle

This year in design technology the year 8 to 10 boys have embarked on woodworking for the first time in the history of the school. The year started with making dovetail joints which included some mathematics! The students also worked on a design of their choice to meet a need in their environment and came up with items such as a shoe shelf, a tea table and sunglasses cases. Initially both the tools and workspace were very basic. However, the school was very fortunate to receive a grant that enabled the purchase of some amazing woodworking benches that were almost too good to use! The students assembled them in teams and now they are already well used. With such an asset the year 5-7 class has also started woodworking and have been building a variety of projects. We have also been blessed to have Uncle Johnno come all the way from Adelaide to our school on Wednesday afternoons, sharing not only his expertise in woodworking with the students but also his tools! His efforts in preparing the tasks and even the wood for the students were really appreciated. The hope is to continue to build up this facility in the school to better support a wider range of student interests and potential pathways.

Student Comment

Over the past few weeks, we were thankful to have Uncle Johnno visit. His visits were a highlight in the woodworking sessions because he helped us improve on our accuracy and sawing skills, while teaching us how to make boxes. It was fun and very enjoyable I especially appreciated it when he shared aspects of his life story and experiences.

Alex Kowald

MTCS Musical

Preparations

School Musical preparations are underway with practices beginning at the Lobethal Centennial Hall this week. Every Tuesday and Thursday, students will be transported to the Hall for practices from 1.15-3pm. Students will need to be collected from the Hall at 3pm by parents on these days.

Thursday soccer practice will still continue from 3.30-4.30pm. For students participating in soccer practice, these students will be transported back to school ready for soccer and pick up from school at 4.30pm

As there are evening performances that will require a late night for students, on Thursday 24th June, students will have an early dismissal of 12.30pm on that day. On Friday the 25th June there will be a pupil free day prior to the final evening performance.

A big thank you to all who came along to help finish the costumes for the School Musical this week. The costumes look fantastic. A special thanks goes to Vera Slama for sewing the costumes and Sara Trinkle and Ruth Trinkle for all the organisation and effort that has gone into the musical preparations thus far. We look forward to seeing it all come together on stage.

Whole School Photos

School photos will be taking place on Monday 31st May from 9.10am.

Students are expected to wear their full formal winter uniform including ties and formal jumpers. Please ensure correct socks are worn and shoes are polished. Girls need to have their hair neat and tied back. Girls are also required to wear their navy stockings.

All families will receive a Value Pack which is complimentary from Event Photography as a thank you for allowing our School to be part of their new promotional material.

A bookmark containing a code and a picture of your child, will be sent home with the packs provided to families. This code will enable more photos to be ordered if desired.



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SAPSASA

Oakbank Area School

This event was held at the very end of Term 1 just prior to our school sports day and unfortunately was omitted from an earlier newsletter. We had a very successful day at Oakbank Area School with 12 students from Year 4 - 7 representing our school, with Samuel Brosille and Azayla Ziegelmann being involved for the first time. Our school achieved first place in the Adjusted scores which is determined by the size of the school. This is now the fourth time we have won this shield which is on display in the office area.

Notable individual performances were:

First places to;

- Suzelle Ziegelmann in Long Jump
- Calvin Trinkle in Discus
- Timothy Trinkle in 800m and High Jump

Second place to;

- Suzelle Ziegelmann in 200m
- Calvin Trinkle in Long Jump

Third place to;

- Timothy Trinkle in Long Jump
- Calvin Trinkle in 100m

Maddison Kowald made the final of the 100m, coming 8th. The 13 Boys Relay also made the final and came a close 4th. This team was Timothy, Calvin, Benjamin and Lucas Trinkle, (following in their fathers' footsteps/running shoes!) The 13 Girls (Maddison, Suzelle, Arielle and Azayla) narrowly missed a final spot but were gracious in accepting the situation, which was noted highly by the chief organiser.

Many thanks to the parents who transported their children to and from Oakbank and to Miss Heidi Trinkle who helped in transporting/ timekeeping on the day. Well done to all students for their efforts and attitude on the day. They were all winners.

MTCS Cross Country

On Wednesday, May 26, the school cross-country event was held in beautiful autumn weather following a course around the school grounds. Students ran in class groups or age groups from 1 circuit up to 4 circuits. Each circuit is approximately 800m. Congratulations to students who all completed their set number of circuits. Fantastic effort!

The winners were;

Year F-1

Jazmin Ziegelmann and Dwight Trinkle

Year 2-3

Florence Brosille and Yozef Ziegelmann

Age 9-11 Boys

Isaac Trinkle

Age 10-12 Girls

Suzelle Ziegelmann

Age 12 Boys

Benjamin Trinkle

Age 13 Boys

Timothy Trinkle

Age 13-15 Girls

Kezia Ziegelmann

Senior Boys B

David Sewruk

Senior Boys A

Jimmy Trinkle

The winning team McKenzie won 56 to Chambers 49.

Special acknowledgment to Suzelle and Kezia Ziegelmann who both broke the previous record in their age group events. Several other students have now established a record in their age group.

Kezia Ziegelmann, Louise Trinkle, Jessica Trinkle and Timothy Trinkle will now represent the School at the SACSA Secondary schools cross country event on Tuesday 2nd June at Carisbrooke Park.





The Tour of Tasmania

This term students from Foundation to Year 10 have been practicing for our cross-country event by running in the 'Tour of Tasmania.'

This is a course from Hobart to Strahan, Stanley, Launceston, Binalong Bay, Port Arthur, back to Hobart and then finishing up at Launceston. This is a distance of 2035km. Every lap of 200m is equal to 1km of the tour.

To date the students have completed 3094 laps or 1952 km, which means they are about 83km from the end of the tour. A great effort in these first 5 weeks of the term. Students also receive a certificate after completing certain 'milestones'. Nearly all have one milestone, with some having achieved 3!

A great effort by all. Well Done!

Year 2-4 Art

With Mrs Ruth Trinkle

The students splattered and dribbled several weeks worth of layers (watercolours) on their piece of art work. Finally they squirted some acrylic on top and smudged it with a sheet of paper and topped it off with some black scribbles at the bottom and out came a gumtree in the bush



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