

NEWSLETTER

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**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

WEDNESDAY | 24 FEBRUARY

- Parent Teacher Interviews

THURSDAY | 11 MARCH

- SACSVA Volley Vall (Open)

FRIDAY | 12 MARCH

- SACSVA Volley Ball Year 7-8

FRIDAY | 26 MARCH

- SACSVA Athletics 13+

WEDNESDAY | 7 APRIL

- SAPSASA Athletics Carnival

THURSDAY | 8 APRIL

- MTCS Sports Day

Welcome To Week 2

This first Newsletter for the new school year is an opportunity to welcome all who are part of the 2021 school year at Mt Torrens Christian School. It is a delight to have new students and their families join us as the enrolment numbers "swell" to 43. Already the presence of these new students has been a blessing to the student community.

The motto for Mt Torrens Christian School is "Learning and Serving". This reflects the two-sided aspect of human growth, namely, what is acquired or gained (the things we learn) and then there is what we do with what we learn (this is the serving side).

"Learning and Serving" captures the input and output aspects of student development. At Mt Torrens Christian School our desire is that students can truly "max-out" their potential through the opportunities that the School provides for this potential to be nurtured, developed and guided. However, as important and valid as self-development is, even in spiritual terms, personal development without a purpose beyond self is self-centred and self serving

There is a bigger perspective than this for students to understand and embrace. It is the perspective

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From the Principal

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of being and becoming what God calls and enables them to be and become, in order to serve His purposes and bless others in the process.

Learning and serving are at the heart of Christian discipleship. Jesus exemplified this even in His childhood and youth. The Gospel of Luke records how the young boy, Jesus, "became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him" (2:38) and, "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men" (2:52). Jesus' personal growth encompassed the physical, intellectual and spiritual aspects of His person. The favour He had with God and men indicated that this personal growth had a wider social and spiritual impact and effect.

The desire we have for students at MTCS is that they will be strong in spirit, filled with wisdom and immersed in the grace of God, and like Jesus in his youth, the quality of their lives will deliver a blessing and benefit to others and to God.

Dr George Sears

Newsletters

2021

This year a new format has been developed for the newsletter, thanks to the creativity Dan at Here Here! Design.

Because regular School emails to parents are providing for the communication of many of the details that have previously been contained within the fortnightly Newsletter, the Newsletter in 2021 will only be published 3 times per term, in weeks 2, 5 and 8.

Some Special Welcomes

New Staff and Students

Together with the general welcome in this newsletter, it is also timely to give a special

welcome to new families and staff.

It is a delight to welcome Miss Hannah Trinkle to the teaching staff. Hannah is a recent teacher graduate with a Bachelor of Education, who brings a wide range of teaching skills and interests to the Primary and Secondary levels, together with expertise across a number of curriculum areas, including Science, Mathematics, Humanities and Sport. Hannah's enthusiasm, flexibility and capabilities will be a great asset to the School. In the School Office it is a blessing to welcome Miss Heidi Trinkle in a part-time capacity, while she commences her tertiary studies to become a teacher. Heidi transitions from being a Year 12 student in 2020 to a member of staff in 2021, which will no doubt have some challenges for her. However, it is already evident that Heidi's various abilities, resourcefulness and energy will be a great asset to the School Admin.

Two new families have joined the School community in 2021. These are the Balacco family, with sons, Thomas (Yr 10), Andrea (Yr 6) and Sav (Yr 3) and the Somczynski family, with daughter Estelle in the Foundation class. Already these new families have been a blessing to the School and we welcome their involvement in the School community.

Design and Technology

Year 2-4

Students in the Year 2-4 class embarked on an exciting design and technology adventure. Cries of "yum!", "this is delicious" and "can I please have more" came from room 6, along with the aroma of southern fried chicken.

Chicken? For design and technology?, you might ask. Yes, chicken. Students, in between mouthfuls, learned a little of the history of the secret recipe for KFC chicken and began to think about how they might design packaging to resist the oiliness of chicken.

Over the weeks to come, we will be exploring concepts of, practical, sustainable and appealing





design, exploring aspects of labelling that indicate the nutritional information of specific products and thinking about some recommendations we might make to KFC in order for them to improve the nutritional profile of their menu items.

Athletics

SPORTING SCHOOLS GRANT

In Term 1, students will benefit from the Sporting Schools Government Initiative, via a grant focussed on athletics. Students will receive professional coaching from Tony Wilson, "Mr Athletics", on Thursdays until week nine. After the first session, students were very impressed by Mr Athletics' knowledge and expertise.



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