

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 | WEEK 8 | 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

THURSDAY | 25 MARCH

- NAPLAN National Coordinated Practice Test

FRIDAY | 26 MARCH

- SACSAs Athletics 13+

TUESDAY | 30 MARCH

- YEAR 2-4 Excursion to Urbrae Wetlands Education Centre

WEDNESDAY | 31 MARCH

- Hot Cross Bun Day

WEDNESDAY | 7 APRIL

- SAPSASA Athletics Carnival

THURSDAY | 8 APRIL

- MTCS Sports Day

Welcome To Week 8

This newsletter has the final weeks of Term 1 upon us and the conclusion of what has been a very positive and encouraging start to the year. Fortunately, it has been a year (so far) without any of the stop-start COVID uncertainties of last year. This uncertainty has been further diminished by the imminent resumption of normal social interactions, because a “pandemic saviour” has arrived, in the form of a COVID Vaccine. The hope is that the vaccine will remove the threat of COVID-19 from human existence and wellbeing. Whether this happens, as anticipated, remains to be seen.

For the COVID vaccine to achieve this “saviour” status depends on several key elements. Firstly, people have to believe that the appointed vaccine actually can deliver a saving outcome from the effects of the COVID virus. Secondly, people must accept that they need such a saviour to deliver from COVID-19 and this deliverance is something they cannot achieve themselves or by some other way.

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MTCS Sports Day

THURSDAY 8TH APRIL

With sports day just around the corner, we ask that parents would order sports day tops. Chambers is red, McKenzie is blue.

Please ensure that the t-shirts you buy are the same colour and shade as the tops shown above. They do not need to have pockets.

You may purchase these at a location of your choosing, or on line, at blankclothing.com.au

If you are unsure what team your child is on, please contact the School Office.

From the Principal

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In this regard, I am sure there will be plenty of “alternative saviours” put forward as time progresses, and the advocates to promote them will begin to appear.

The third element involves actually getting vaccinated. This is the crucial part of the “salvation process”. The person seeking “salvation” has to participate in the required application to get the salvation benefits.

Does this “pandemic saviour” process have a ring of familiarity about it? With the approach of Easter, it ought to.

There is a spiritual pandemic that affects all humanity called sin. Its effects are far more fatal than COVID-19, with consequences that last eternally. There is similarly a need for a saviour from this sin pandemic. Jesus is that Saviour and Easter was when His saving work was given effect by God.

There are two decisive differences between the salvation scenarios from COVID and from sin. The first is that the, “vaccine saviours”, have all been developed by human agents with varying effects and benefits. However, when it comes to sin, it is God alone who can provide the salvation remedy. Secondly, with the COVID, “vaccine-saviours”, there are various alternatives you can choose. However, when it comes to the sin pandemic, there is only one remedy, God’s remedy, provided through the Easter event when Jesus died on Calvary.

This Easter many Australian citizens will seek out and receive the available “vaccine salvation” from COVID-19 that is provided free of charge by the Australian Government. Oh that this Easter would see a similar interest in the sin-salvation provided freely by God’s grace, through the Lord Jesus.

Design and Technology

WITH MR TRINKLE

This term the year 5 to 7 class built a geodesic dome out of corflute sheets. After much cutting of triangles, the dome could finally be assembled. It is an interesting mathematical shape made up of two types of triangles, equilateral and isosceles. The dome has now become a "cubby" for the younger students.

NAPLAN

NATIONAL COORDINATED PRACTICE TEST

The NAPLAN National Coordinated Practice test is scheduled for **Thursday 25th March** and will involve students in Grades 3, 5, 7 and 9.

This practice test is designed to confirm the readiness to administer the NAPLAN Online test at our school and will not be assessed.

NAPLAN tests complement the range of school based assessments, and students should not be overwhelmed by the experience.

To support your child and familiarise them with the types of questions, visit nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

NAPLAN testing will be taking place in the week of the 17th-21st May.



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Volley Ball Competition

THE ARC CAMPBELLTOWN

It was with much anticipation and nervousness that our Open and Year 7/8 girls volleyball teams made their way to Campbelltown on Thursday and Friday of week 7, respectively. Both teams played to the best of their ability, the 7/8s coming tenth out of fifteen teams and the open team coming first as they defeated Temple Mile End Gold by seven points in the grand final. This was a truly outstanding result for the senior girls, who were undefeated for the second year running. The following statistics for the competition make for interesting reading.

A huge congratulation to all of the girls, and especially the younger ones, for playing their absolute best at all times throughout the competition. The girls constantly encouraged each other. They fought for and celebrated every point, no matter how far behind they had fallen. It was a pleasure to be coaching them and watching them grow as a team throughout the competition.

Hannah Trinkle

Longest Winning Streak

6 Matches - MTCS

Longest Undefeated Streak

6 Matches - MTCS

Greatest Winning Margin

+40 MTCS

Highest Score

+55 MTCS

Best Attacking Team

MTCS with a total score of 236

Best Defensive Team

MTCS with a total conceded score of 114

Team with Most Lopsided Wins

MTCS - 2 wins with a score difference of 24 or more

Year F-1 Excursion

MANNUM

One of the interesting features of the Mannum trip for the students, was the ride on the ferry, formerly known as the "punt". Some were fascinated to experience going on a boat-like structure across the river.

At the Museum, students investigated fossilized shark teeth and a whale jaw bone found in Mannum. They went hunting for fossils and brought their treasures home. They viewed photos of the 1956 flood and queried the need for sand bags.

The students looked inside the boiler of a paddle-steamer and steered a simulated paddle-steamer down the Murray River. They looked at how the paddles pushed through the water and investigated how the Captain would speak to the crew through a blower. Students operated a rudder and pulled the paddle-steamer whistle.

A tour of the Randall Street Bakery was appreciated. They saw the eclairs piped onto trays and put in the oven. They watched as pastry was flattened and rolled ready to be made into pies and pasties. Everyone chose their own morning tea and paid for it themselves, using lovely manners. When the Tour Guide, Margaret, asked them "What is bread made from?" They all confidently told her "Dough!".

Students saw Mannum-Adelaide Pipeline that transports water from the river to Adelaide, including Mt Torrens.

This trip was such a rich experience for the F-1 Students, involving language use, history of the area, the lay of the land and water access, and of course, the working of a bakery.



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Soccer

THE INAUGURAL MTCS SOCCER CUP

A soccer match to remember saw the Bombers take on the Jets,
The weather was fine, the pitch superb and the teams as good as it gets.
The Jets had Jimmy and Thomas, who were deadly in attack,
With Wesley covering behind them with anything they might lack.
The speed of Timmy was everywhere and the brothers Kowald were bold,
With Dynamo Dave the goalie to make sure they did as they were told.

Brandon's Bombers were a man short at selection, so needed to make a good start,
Their captain Brandon didn't disappoint, with a display that set him apart.
With the ball at his feet, he dodged to the left and right,
The Jets were mesmerized and his opening goal an awesome sight.

The game ebbed and flowed, with attacking moves each end
Despite the Jets with an extra man the Bombers were able to defend.
William was a wall to block the Jet's moves,
with Lucas adding defensive power,
And behind them goalie Andrea was truly the man for the hour.

While Jimmy and Thomas blasted thunderbolts, towards the Bomber's goal,
Andrea stopped them time and again, as he gave his body and soul.
Despite his efforts, Jimmy eventually hit the Bomber's net,
To make the scores one goal apiece, so the teams could now reset.

At the kick-off Calvin came from nowhere, to

make the ball fly,
And all the Jet's goalie David could do, was watch it pass him by.
Calvin's quick response had put the Bombers a goal up,
And the supporters wondered, "Could they win the inaugural cup?"

The crowd held their breath, what would Jimmy's Jets do;
Did they have the team spirit to see the game through?
For the Bombers, Brandon continued to twist and turn,
And the elusive Benji ran everywhere, with energy to burn;
Then up stepped Thomas with some magic of his own,
And before Andrea could move a muscle, the ball had struck home.

It was now two all and the game was tied,
But the Bombers were flagging, as their energy level died.
The Bombers had given Captain Brandon, all he could possibly ask.
But six against seven was always a difficult task,

The Jets piled on pressure with Jimmy and Thomas in full sway.
Their skill and brute strength would eventually win the day.
Thomas dodged around William and kept Lucas from the ball,
He next overcame Brandon, but it was a close call.
Then Calvin stepped up with Benji by his side,
But even they could not stop Thomas, who was well into his stride.

Thomas headed to the Bomber's goal at a withering pace;



As he looked where he was going, only the
goalie was left to face.
There in the Bombers goal, Andrea stood his
ground,
But the pounding of Thomas towards him
shook everything all around.
Thomas let fly, with his strongest possible kick;
And as the ball approached Andrea he felt
decidedly sick.
The ball spun and swerved and came
incredibly fast,
He knew he had to act quickly before the
moment was past.
Andrea dived to his right in the hope he could
save the day,
Only to find that the kick had curved the other
way;
As the ball crashed into the goal for all to see,
It meant that the score was now two goals to
three.

The tide had turned with the Bombers now
near spent,
Wesley passed to Jimmy, and to the goals he
went.
He was determined to add another Jet's goal
to their score.
And when his shot sailed home, it made the
score two goals to four;

The review of the game said the teams played
with skill and finesse.
There were many fine moves that certainly did
impress.
The great sporting spirit in which all played the
game,
Was indeed worthy of the Mt Torrens name.
However, when it came to best players, it
seemed all did agree,
It wasn't Jimmy, Thomas or Brandon, it was
the referee.

Author; The Referee





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