

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 | 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

FRIDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

MTCS Bridge Building Competition Day

MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

Year F-4 Road Safety Centre Excursion

From the Principal

There is a "strangeness" about writing this Newsletter piece, "From the Principal", while dressed as "Where's Wally". The explanation is that this newsletter coincides with the MTCS annual Book Week dress-up day. There will be numerous strange visitors to School today, all in the name of a fun day for students and an opportunity for the characters we know in stories to emerge from their life on paper. Book Week reminds us of the people in stories who can and do influence our lives. Their life becomes an example to inspire us with courage and virtue, as we grow and develop to find our place in the world. Who knows, even perhaps a place in a story to continue the inspiration for another generation.

All of us have a sphere of influence where we affect other people. One of the greatest ways that we can affect others is how we think of them and how we act towards them. In this regard the words of the Lord Jesus in the Scripture passage for this term provides an excellent blueprint. In Matthew 7:12, Jesus said, "whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them".

This statement is profound in its clarity and

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From the Principal

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simplicity. It places the basis for our treatment of others on our understanding of ourselves. Who doesn't know how they like to be treated by others? The answer to this "how" then becomes the basis of how we are to act towards others. How is this going with you? What a difference it would make to our attitudes and actions towards others, if we would but pause in the moment and think, "How would I want to be treated?" To then act on this basis, demonstrates an alignment with the Lord Jesus and a personal integrity that gives what is desired to be received.

Table Tennis

Year 5-7 Class

This term for PE the year 5-7 class are having a table tennis challenge. The students are randomly put into 6 doubles where each team plays every other team.

There have been 3 rounds to date. Round 1 winners were Benjamin Trinkle and Maddison Kowald, Round 2 winners were Calvin Trinkle and Benjamin Trinkle and this week's winners were Lucas Trinkle and Maddison Kowald.

Over the rest of the term we will have lessons on Tuesday and Thursday, to complete the tournament. The students will need to wear their sports uniform on both of these days.

As students learn and develop their table tennis skills they learn how to play as a doubles' combination. There has been some pleasing progress so far.

Next term the students will have an opportunity to play in a SACSAs table tennis carnival.

MTCS Spelling Bee

Wednesday 18th August

Last Wednesday, MTCS held a Spelling Bee, competition, which will become an annual event for Foundation to Year 10. In the week preceding the 'Bee', students were seen around the school frantically practicing spelling their words out loud to each other in the lunch and recess breaks. Practice rounds and knock-out rounds in the preceding week raised excitement and anxiety levels amongst students and reduced the numbers of participants on the actual day to four finalists per class group.

Thanks are due to the members of the Spelling Bee Committee for their efforts and input in the design and management of the 'Bee'. The smooth running of the day was in large part due to their input.

Thank you to all students, both those who were part of the audience on the day and the finalists, for the spirit with which they all engaged wholeheartedly in the competition. Thank you for students' efforts learning their words and diligently revising in the lead up to the final competition, and for facing the pressure and nerves, which accompany having to spell words out loud in front of an audience. Congratulations to the champion spellers of the day. It was a very tough and tight competition.

Well done!

2021 First Place Spelling Champions

- Year F-1 Jaroslav Sklenar
- Year 2-4 Reuben Trinkle
- Year 5-7 Maddison Kowald
- Year 8-10 Louise Trinkle

2021 MTCS Spelling Champion Team
Chambers



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Student Music Performances

During School Assembly

On Monday morning during MTCS Assemblies, students have the opportunity to enhance their music performance skills by performing a musical item. We had the pleasure of listening to Jamie Fahner play her violin last Monday.

We look forward to future performances from students. Parents and visitors are most welcome to come along.



SACSA Cross Country

Update

Last term, four of our students, Timmy Trinkle, Jessica Trinkle, Louise Trinkle and Kezia Ziegelmann, attended a SACSA cross country carnival. They all ran very well.

What has now emerged is that their results gained MTCS first place in the Division 3 section in both the total points (40) and in the challenge (80%).

Congratulations once again to these students for their excellent efforts. All that running around Australia and Tasmania last term has been worthwhile.



Bridge Building

With Mr Trinkle

The MTCS Bridge Building Competition is coming up on Friday 3rd September. Students are encouraged not to leave building their bridges to the last minute, to allow the glue to fully dry. The year 8 to 10 class have been designing their bridges with the aid of a specialised computer software called, 'Model Smart' which is specifically designed for balsawood bridges.



Skoolbag App

Communication

Mount Torrens Christian School is now using the SkoolBag App to keep our community up to date on school initiatives. Please ensure you have your phone notifications switched on and regularly update your SkoolBag App to ensure you are accessing the latest information from MTCS.

To get started, follow the instructions given in the link below. You can skip the registration by clicking on the invitation email you received from School. Create a new password through the link that is available on the email then log in using your email address and password.

If you haven't been sent an invitation, you can register with your name and email address.

Instructions on how to get started: <http://help.coralcommunities.com/en/articles/4849323-how-create-a-skoolbag-account>

To assess the value of this communication tool, your feedback on the Skoolbag app will be much appreciated.

Furniture

F-1 Classroom

Many thanks to the families who assembled and varnished the play furniture in the F/1 room. The children are appreciative and play with it everyday.





Year F-1 PE

With Miss Trinkle

When your school is located in what feels like one of the most bitterly cold towns of the Adelaide Hills, PE can get a little more tricky in winter. Never fear though, because PE with Joe is here! Joe is a PE teacher from the United Kingdom who recently began a YouTube channel where he runs PE lessons that students can do from anywhere, even from home. This week, Joe dressed up in a Panda costume for his workout, which the students particularly enjoyed. A special congratulations to Evie and Estelle for their efforts in this week's workout; they even worked through the breaks!

Government Grant

Acknowledgment

MTCS greatly appreciates and acknowledges the South Australian Government for the blessing of a grant of \$40,000 made available in the period July 2020-June 2021. This grant has enabled us to acquire...

1. Solar Panels
2. Additional Classroom Furniture
3. A Library Management Software System
4. Playground Equipment (To be installed)



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