

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 | 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

MONDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

SAPSASA Athletics Championships
(selected students) 9-3.30pm

WEDNESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

Year 2-4 Excursion to the Sklenar's
property, 8.45-2.30pm

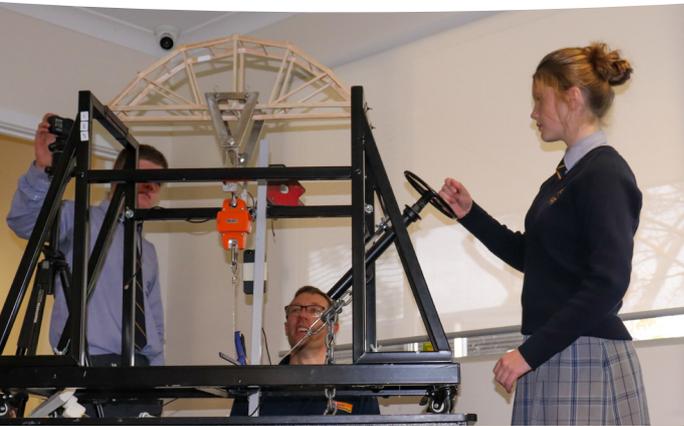
From the Principal

Writing for this last newsletter for Term 3 is a reminder of how quickly another School term has passed. This is a good sign according to the adage that, "time flies when you are having fun". Amongst the fun components at MTCS this term have been the successful Spelling Bee, Book Week Dress-up and Bridge Building, which have occurred with thanks to the staff who made them happen and the enthusiastic student participation which gave them effect. Thank you too for continued parent support and the involvement of many who came to enjoy these School events with us.

As I write for this newsletter, my thoughts are drawn to the words of Jesus in the latter part of this term's Scripture passage in Matthew 7:7-14. In v13, Jesus gives an invitation, perhaps even an exhortation, "enter by the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction". The interesting aspect here is that entrance into the way that leads to life, via the narrow gate is not commanded.

It is quite remarkable that the Sovereign God who created the world isn't more prescriptive and demanding on the people who populate His world. Yes, there are declarations in the Bible of,

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From the Principal

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"Thus says the Lord", but obedience isn't forced or imposed. Instead, while obedience to God is expected, it is invited and encouraged as a choice of human free-will. This free-will choice is part of the God-given privilege bestowed by God on humanity. As St Augustine noted, "He (God) who made us without our help, will not save us without our consent".

However, human free-will is not freedom to choose without boundaries or consequences. The boundary within which all human free-will operates is God's ultimate and unassailable sovereignty. This highlights that God's sovereignty and human free-will are not actually in opposition or antagonism. While the choices made by human free-will might be, the human free-will itself is always in sync with exactly the boundary conditions established by God. We can only choose what He gives us the scope, opportunity and liberty to choose. This includes choosing our own destruction.

Within the boundary conditions on human free-will are the consequences which God's sovereignty has pre-determined. One such consequence is the principle that operates in both the spiritual and material realms, "what you sow is what you grow" (Galatians 6:7). The action of what you sow is a choice, but not what you grow. This means that human free-will can only ever choose actions not consequences.

Entrance onto the "broad way", in Jesus' exhortation is one such free-will choice. The consequence is unavoidable and pre-determined, namely destruction. This destruction is eternal, spiritual ruin. That's a heavy consequence for a free-will choice! To avoid this consequence, the answer is, don't make this choice.

End of Term Thank you

As we conclude Term 3 next week, thank you to the many contributors, staff, students and volunteers, who have made this an enjoyable, productive and successful term. I trust that the Term 3 break will be a time of refreshment for staff and students, and the opportunity for some great family time.

MTCS Bridge Building Competition

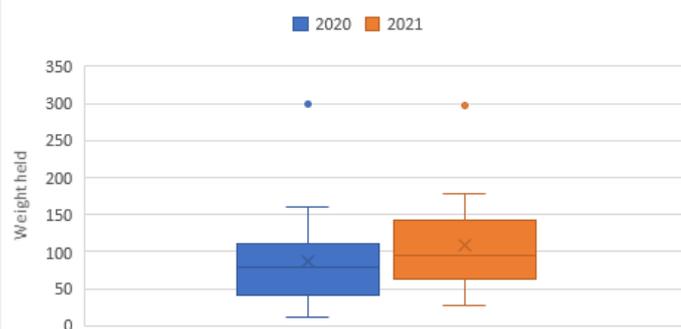
This year's bridge competition was held on Friday 3rd of September and attracted entries from most year levels. We were again indebted to Mr Mark Ziegelmann for taking time from his busy schedule to assist with running the competition. The quality and strength of the bridges appear to be steadily improving with the median weight held going from 79Kg last year to 95 Kg this year. A graph summerising the results of the last two years is shown below. Some spectacular collapses added to the entertainment and prompted consideration of future awards in this category, although good design allows a more gradual failure.

The overall winner for this year was Timothy Trinkle whose bridge held the maximum weight of 300Kg. Another winner for the maximum weight category was Lucas Trinkle whose bridge held 179 Kg and the winner for the efficiency category was Azayla Ziegelmann with an efficiency of 1006. The Winner for the aesthetics award was Joel Brosille and the innovation award went to Suzelle Ziegelmann. Well done students!

A special thanks to all the students who made the effort to enter bridges again this year, Mr Mark Ziegelmann for his assistance on the day and the support staff at the School for all the work they put into the preparation for the day including the provision of morning tea for parents.



Weight Held Results





Book Week Dress Up Day

Friday 27 August

We had a wonderful day on Friday 27th August when we held our School Book Week Dress-Up Day.

Everyone entered into the spirit of the day with all students and staff dressing up.

The most creative costume was Evie Zarubin's costume, complete with an aeroplane, as Amelia Earhart. There was also Tom Kruse the outback mail man complete with a drivable car loaded with packages (Sebastian Kowald) and even Shaun the Sheep visited (Ruth Trinkle). Monica Allen (Elsa from Frozen) had an amazing outfit with impeccable detail made by Sabina Allen.

The best dressed prize and the most creative costume went to Evie Zarubin.

The most true to character prize was split between;
Monica Allen (Elsa from Frozen)

Arielle Brosille (Lucy Pevensie from Narnia)

Sebastian Kowald (Tom Kruse, mail man)

Timotei Prichici (Christian from Pilgrims Progress)

Kezia Ziegelmann (Garfield)

Yozef Ziegelmann (Tintin).

The day was full of fun with activities in the classroom and a whole school activity provided by Madame Castafiore (Sara Trinkle). Students put together very creative group plays which were well received by the audience with many laughs.

The day concluded with a pizza lunch with thanks going to Daniel and Jonathan Trinkle for making the pizzas as well as delivering them. Very delicious!

We thank everyone for their efforts with dressing up to make a great day that was much enjoyed.





F-4 Excursion

Road Safety Centre

The students were engaged in all the activities at the South Australian Road Safety Centre.

Two police officers explained to them basic road safety skills, seatbelt safety and pedestrian safety.

Students put their knowledge into practise as they navigated their bikes around a mock-roadway. They encountered a railway crossing, a children's crossing with flags, a pedestrian crossing with lights, stop signs, a roundabout and traffic lights.

Students were given gifts to help them remember the safety rules. The excursion finished at the Glover Playground on South Terrace.

Many thanks to Ms Lewis and Mrs Somczynski for accompanying us on the trip.

2-4 Excursion

Tanunda Museum and Bakery

On September 7th year 2/3/4 class went to the Tanunda Museum, the Tanunda Bakery and the Angaston playground. We went to the museum to learn about old German things.

Luke showed us around the museum: He showed us a little old cart that belonged to a man called Wolf. The most surprising thing he showed us was a black wedding dress that brides wore in the olden days. The organ was my most interesting thing. When you pressed a key, the sound did not stop.

After that we had lunch at the bakery.

We drove to the playground and we were all excited! There was a very steep slide to climb and to get to the top, we had to climb up two ladders. I slid down backwards. I went so fast I shot off the end of the slide and landed on my tummy! I closed my eyes when I slid down.

Our excursion was really fun.

Yozef Ziegelmann

2-4 Excursion

Tanunda Museum and Bakery

We drove in two cars to a museum in Tanunda. On the way there we saw a deer farm and lots of cool cars. When we arrived there, we ate some recess. Then we met a man called Luke. He took us through the Tanunda museum. First, he showed us a calf weaner then some old, black wedding dresses. Next, he showed us a map of Germany. Axel started an organ and it sounded like a piano. He also showed us a little cart that dogs pulled.

Next, we went into a farm room. There was a butcher cart, an old bike, lots of saddles, lots of hammers, a harvester, and an olive press. Then we went into the corridor and looked at a model house that a man had made. There was also a wall of cameras and a model castle with horses going around it. There was a switchboard and a phone that they used. Upstairs there was a small Lutheran church with an organ, an alter, seats, a carriage to carry dead people and a church bell that was on the ground. In the next room there was a pulpit and some Lutheran pictures. The last room had a queen size bed and a small cot next to the bed. We went downstairs and had a group photo and hopped in the car.

At the Tanunda bakery we all had a hotdog, fruit box and a donut, and were given a Tanunda Bakery balloon.

At the Barossa Valley Adventure Park we saw a two story tower with a slide and a fireman pole. There was a flying fox, a seesaw, a train, a skate park, and monkey bars. Mrs Sklenar let Azayla and I go down the slide with her phone and make a video. On the way home we played a silent competition.

Reuben Trinkle





Year 5-7 Excursion

Local Towns

On Wednesday the 8th of September, the Year 5-7 class went on an excursion where we were looking at the differences between businesses that provide goods and services.

Our first stop was Birdwood. My team was with Mr Ruediger (Timothy, Andrea, Benjamin, Joshua, Lucas and me) the other team went on the other side of the road and recorded the businesses on the other side. They were with Miss Heidi Trinkle (Timotei, Maddison, Arielle, Suzelle, Angus and William). We walked down the street and at the end we turned around and walked back.

The next stop was Gumeracha. We had to walk on the same side of the road because of the road works.

After Gumeracha we went to Lobethal. After walking the streets we stopped at the oval to have a lunch break. While waiting for the others, we waited at the martial arts fitness Center.

The final town we went to was Woodside. At the end of our walk we stopped at the Lobethal bakery in Woodside and all had gelati.

Calvin and Benjamin Trinkle



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