

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 | WEEK 2 | 2022



**MT TORRENS
CHRISTIAN**
SCHOOL



Term 2 Calendar

WEDNESDAY 25th MAY

MTCS Cross Country

MONDAY 6th JUNE

SA School Sport, Year 9/10 Volley Ball Competition

FRIDAY 10th JUNE

SACSA Soccer Year 7-10 boys

FRIDAY 24th JUNE

SACSA Volley Ball Year 7-10 Girls

2022 Term Dates

TERM 1	31 January - 14th April
TERM 2	2nd May - 1st July
TERM 3	25th July - 30th September
TERM 4	17th October - 9th December

From the Principal

Term 2 at Mt Torrens Christian School has started very well. It has been a blessing to see students settle into school routines and learning tasks, with enthusiasm and purpose. There has also been the added blessing of 3 new students from the Cummins family, Tabitha in Yr 4, Manny in Yr 8 and Ben in Yr 9.

This term the School Scripture passage for memorization is 1 John 4:12 – 16. This passage has a reminder of an important area of knowledge and knowing. This knowledge and knowing relates to God and being known by Him (1 John 4:13). Such knowledge is a significant emphasis in John's letters, which he refers to some 40 times.

The primary objective for students at a Christian School is that of all the things they come to know, the most important is their knowledge of God. This knowledge is not to be mere academic, factual knowledge, but the knowledge that relates to and produces a personal connection and relationship with

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God. It is this relational knowledge that John wanted his readers to discover and know. Relational knowledge of God was recorded by John as part of the prayer of Jesus before His suffering and crucifixion (John 17). In this prayer, Jesus highlighted the all important knowledge that is to be sought and acquired, when He said, "that they might know You (God) and Jesus Christ whom You have sent (John 17:3). The reason Jesus gave why this knowledge is so important is because it relates to eternal life... "This is eternal life... to know God and to know Jesus Christ whom God has sent".

The importance of this knowledge of God was highlighted for me in my early years as a Principal. I had to deal with the tragedy of a student's death. The student was a 6 year old girl named Ashley. Ashley was a delightful young child whose memory has remained with me, partly because I spent the day of her death with her on a school excursion. The excursion was to the Adelaide Zoo and the class had been given some learning tasks about the Zoo animals. I noticed that Ashley was by herself and somewhat unsure of what the teacher expected her to do. Like a true "white knight" I stepped in to help her. The result was that we spent the day together, completing the work set by the teacher. It was that night; Ashley was in the family car when it was hit by a drunk driver.

Despite the terrible sadness of a beautiful, young life cut short, there was one source of comfort. Ashley had the knowledge that leads to eternal life. She had made a commitment to Jesus as her Saviour. It was this knowledge, and this alone, which has secured her eternal

place with God.

Ashley didn't get to learn a lot in her 6 years of earthly life, but she learned the one thing that mattered concerning Heaven. It was this knowledge, the knowledge of Jesus as her Saviour that secured her heavenward graduation.

At MTCS we want to support our students in the exciting journey of learning. Of all the knowledge they might encounter or acquire in this journey, it is the knowledge of God and His purposes which stands supreme. The knowledge of God is supreme in its importance, its wonder and in the joy that it brings. Such knowledge leads to the personal relationship that God desires to have with each of us. Do you have this knowledge!

NAPLAN

Students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have completed NAPLAN testing. It is always a daunting time for students, however they conducted themselves exceptionally well. The tests ran smoothly and NAPLAN is now complete for 2022!

NAPLAN results take some time to be reported, however we will keep parents updated when they are available. Special thanks to Mrs George who organised the testing and ensured it ran problem-free across all four days.

Assembly Performances

Thank you to Kezia Ziegelmann, Suzelle Ziegelmann, Maddison Kowald and Jessica Trinkle for performing their musical piece during Mondays assembly. It was enjoyed by all.





Cross Country

On the 25th May we will have our MTCS Cross Country. Preparations are already in full swing, with classes doing some practice runs. The first event is set to start at 8.30am with an expected finish of 11am. Parents, friends and family are welcome to come and show support for the students and teams.



Sporting Schools Grant

This term we were fortunate to receive a Sporting Schools grant to go toward coaching and sporting equipment. Students requested Table Tennis to resume as a focused sport this term, so a new table tennis table has been acquired and is ready for use. From week 4 of Term 2, we will have a specialist table tennis coach attending the school to assist with training.



F-2 Mathematics

Students in F-2 have been exploring what 1000 things look like!

Using bottle tops, they made collections of 10 and bagged and labelled them. These bags were collected in groups of 10 to make bags of 100 bottle tops. A number line to 1000 was created in increments of 100. This was a rich learning experience for all involved.

Many thanks to the families that collected bottle tops and thanks to Ms Lewis for her support.

9-10 Technology

The year 9/10 technology class designed and built pneumatic robotic arms to lift a drink can over an obstacle. They first built cardboard prototypes and then a final version either using wood or the 3D printer.

Mothers Day

To celebrate mothers day, students created some fun projects to take home to their mothers and display in their classrooms. Mothers Day is an opportunity to show appreciation for the godly women in our lives. This special day also reminds us of all that mothers do for us and how they continue to love, care and teach us.

“Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well into the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness” - Proverbs 31:25-28

Year 1 and 2 Quiz Masters

At the week 2 Friday assembly the Year 1 and 2 students shared their accumulated knowledge about Australia from their research and project. After enlightening students about aspects of Australia and its location, they then quizzed students to see how much they had learnt. The students were good learners perhaps encouraged by certain sweet rewards.

Math Pathways Achievement

Two more of our students have accomplished the amazing achievement of completing all of the Math Pathways units to the end of year 10. Very few students in Australia have accomplished this. We congratulate Amelia Kowald and Kezia Ziegelmann who now join Alexander Kowald as students at MTCS who have accomplished this task.





Could parents take particular care in the parking area at the front of the School when reversing their vehicles. This will avoid any mishaps and improve the safety of the parking area for all users, particularly the younger students.



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