

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 | WEEK 8 | 2022



**MT TORRENS
CHRISTIAN**
SCHOOL



Calendar

Saturday 25th June

**Dr George Sears Farewell Music Night
Lobethal Christian Fellowship Church 6.30pm**

Friday 1st July

Last day of School, concluding 1pm

Tuesday 23rd August

Police Band Incursion

Monday 19th September

Whole School Photos

**Monday 7th November - Tuesday 15th
November**

Year 12 SACE Exams

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

This is the final newsletter for Term 2 in 2022. For the School community it heralds the conclusion of the term next week and then welcomes a three week term break, before the commencement of Semester 2 on Monday, 25th July. However, as I write this, "From the Principal", for me it will no doubt be my last school newsletter contribution, after 27½ years as a school Principal.

I thank God for the opportunity and privilege He has given me to serve in this Principalship role, particularly in the last 2½ years at Mt Torrens Christian School. If God has been pleased to use me to bring a blessing to the MTCS student, staff and parent communities, then I am thankful, and humbled that this should be so.

It has been a personal delight to have had an involvement at MTCS. This involvement has been, dare I say, the "cream on the bienenstich kuchen", of my career in education, which has spanned over 50 years since my first teaching appointment in 1970 at Ceduna Area School.

Thank you to staff, students, the School Board and parents, for your support over the past 2½

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years. MTCS is a very special school environment, made special by the community of people who are involved.

So many good things have happened and continue to happen in the short 7 year story of the School, with student outcomes being among the highlights. Yet, I am sure this is but a beginning of the story which is to come, God willing.

MTCS has a unique opportunity to achieve the very best Christian Education outcomes. To do so will necessitate continuing parental support of staff, students with a heart and mind to embrace the ideals and ethos of MTCS, and a community focus to faithfully serve God's interests for each generation of students. I look forward to hearing how this continuing story unfolds.

As I conclude my Principalship journey, Mr Matthew Trinkle will begin his. I congratulate Matthew on his willingness to take on the Principalship role at MTCS, at such a time as this. There will be many challenges ahead, as government expectations for schooling continues to embrace and prioritize the changing values of an increasingly unchristian society. He will need special prayer support and encouragement.

My prayer is that God will be pleased to take Matthew's willingness, godly character and professional dedication, and truly anoint these aspects with His power. Then, in doing so, to bring about even greater blessing in the story ahead for MTCS, than what has been seen in the story so far. To God be all the glory for doing so.

Year 3-4 Visual Art

Students in Years 3-4 have been learning to draw people. Outfits were then designed and then created in 3D (cakes) Yum!

Year 3-4 Geography

In Geography we have been learning about South America and Africa, and the climate zones and biomes of these regions.

The term biome means the main groups of plants and animals living in areas with certain climate patterns. It includes the way in which animals, vegetation and soil interact together, and how plants and animals in an area adapt to that environment. The species of plants and animals are similar because the climate helps determine which animals live in a particular place.

We have studied the Biomes of Tundra, Grassland, Rainforest, Taiga, Desert and Savanna, and created flipbooks with information about each Biome.

From the Students

This week in science we made parachutes and saw which one would go down the slowest from 4 metres. We made them out of plastic bags, string and put a lego man at the bottom. We also tried making them out of paper. Mine became stuck in a tree and ripped.

In choir we are preparing a concert for Dr Sears. We have fun and practice lots. Thursday we did a quiz and our group earned 23 points!

Jeremy Fahner, Grade 5

This week we have been building parachutes for science. Mr Trinkle made a machine to drop the parachutes from 4 metres high. We attached lego men to our parachutes and we made them out of paper towel, freezer bags and bin bags. We have also written paragraphs about Gladys Aylward for English. We also made damper on a fire, which was for our Design and Tech class.

Isaac Trinkle, Grade 5





SACSA Volleyball

The Mount Torrens Christian School Volleyball tradition is still alive and kicking, thanks to a very dedicated group of young ladies in the middle school. This term, our 9/10, or, should I say, 5-10 girls volleyball team attended two volleyball carnivals. At the first event, the State-wide Volleyball Carnival, students played against other schools from our region. The competition at that carnival was tough, with our girls winning only one of their games, but I was very happy with the way the girls 'held their own' and refused to give in, even when they had clearly lost a game.



The second carnival our students attended was the second division of SACSA 9/10 girls volleyball. The day began with a draw against Torrens Valley, a few wins and then a loss against Portside Christian School. In the semi-final however, despite a few set-backs at the start of the match, the girls played with steely determination and eventually won with a considerable margin against the very side that had defeated them two games prior. Needless to say, their shrieks of elation were deafening.



All that was left to do after that was defeat Torrens Valley Christian school in the grand final, which the girls did with intense focus and lots of reminders to 'calm down', 'take it slow' and 'LIIIIIIIIIINE'. That game finished with two spectacular serves from Arielle and, of course, the appropriate celebration. Well done to the girls and a big thank you to SACSA for the work they do in providing us with opportunities to play sport in a supportive, Christian environment.

Sporting Schools Table Tennis

Our Sporting Schools table tennis coaching, which began on June 11th, moved to a new venue last Friday at the Adelaide Table Tennis club at Newton. All students from Years 3 – 6 attended and experienced some new drills with a ball machine to improve returning the ball and keeping it in play. Serving technique was also refined. The students are coached by Mrs. Kay Crowell who is a state coach. The students will continue these lessons over the next two Fridays at the same venue.

SACSA Cross Country

Last Friday afternoon a group of 8, Year 3 - 6 students competed in the SACSA cross country carnival at Carisbrooke Park. We were blessed with an ideal day of sunny weather, cool temperatures and little wind. The students competing for their first time at this event were Marie Trinkle, Yozef Ziegelmann, Joel Brosille, Florence Brosille, Azayla Ziegelmann, Samuel Brosille, Reuben Trinkle and Isaac Trinkle. All these students achieved great results against students from other SACSA schools.

The Under 9 runners of Marie, Yozef and Joel ran a 1.5km course and came 23rd, 24th and 47th respectively out of 70 runners. The 10 yr. old runners of Florence, Reuben and Isaac came 11th, 10th and 8th in their respective races, which were over 2km and the 11yr. old runners of Azayla and Samuel ran 3km and finished 3rd and 10th respectively. These were highly commendable results from the older students.

Everyone enjoyed the experience and all said they wanted to come back next year.





Food Technology

Students in grades five and six had an interesting afternoon last Thursday, cooking over an open fire. The original plan was to try out the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cooking method of heating up stones in the fire and baking chicken on them. We proved insufficiently skilled for this undertaking and resorted instead to wrapping our food in foil and placing it in the coals. Even then the fire went cold as, it had been lit way to early and been fuelled with wet wood. Vain attempts were made to get the fire going while students hunted witchety grubs (three found, none eaten) and made cups out of foil to drink milk with.

At the end of the day the only option was to finish everything off on the electric frypan. Students enjoyed a scrumptious snack of chicken, sweet potato and the crust of a half-baked damper with plenty of butter to go with it. A special thanks to the mums who washed the uniforms.



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