

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 | WEEK 9 | 2022



**MT TORRENS  
CHRISTIAN**  
SCHOOL



## Calendar

### MONDAY 23RD-27TH JANUARY

Student Stationery Pickup from School  
Assembly Hall from 8.30am

### MONDAY 30TH JANUARY

Term 1 - School Starts Back with Opening  
Assembly at 8.40am

### THURSDAY 13TH APRIL

Year 7-10 Immunisations

## 2023 Term Dates

<b>TERM 1</b>	<b>30 January - 14th April</b>
<b>TERM 2</b>	<b>1st May - 30th June</b>
<b>TERM 3</b>	<b>24th July - 29th September</b>
<b>TERM 4</b>	<b>16th October - 8th December</b>

## From the Principal

As this year draws to a close we are so thankful for the Lords sustaining hand throughout the year and the many blessings we have received.

Firstly, it was such a blessing to have Dr Sears remain for the first half of the year to help prepare me and the school for the transition of leadership. Then, the support of the staff and school community in this transition, especially through prayer, has been so special.

Other highlights during the year have included sports day and the 100-year building celebration which was so well received by the community and a real credit to all those involved, especially the volunteers and students who participated with so much enthusiasm.

Apart from these larger events, it has also been a real blessing to see God at work in the lives of the students in their relationships and attitudes towards each other and staff. It has been so special to witness reconciliation, genuine respect and care among the student body,

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## From the Principal

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which makes this school such a special place. Thanks so much also to the staff and volunteers for the genuine concern you have shown for the students and all your hard work throughout the year.

The final weeks have been packed with many extra curricula activities including the end of year excursions, dragster race, dinners and the end of year service, the highlights of these are summarised in this newsletter.

I trust you all have a refreshing break and looking forward to all God has in store for us in 2022!

## End of Year Service

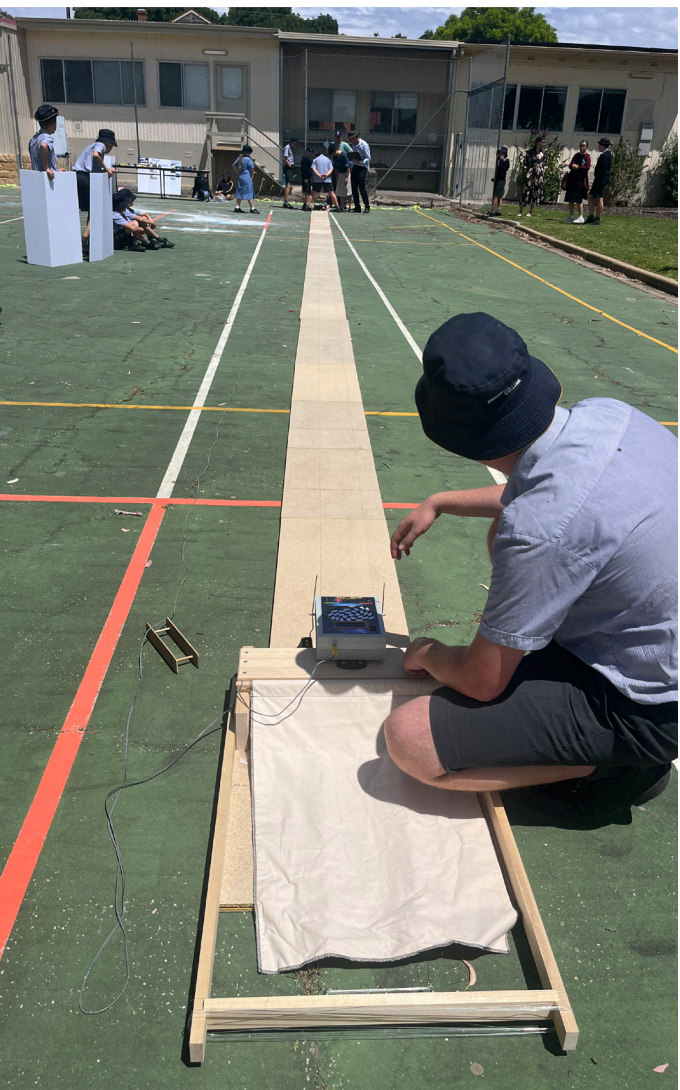
The end of year service was held at the Lobethal Christian Fellowship Church on Friday the 9th of December.

It was an opportunity to give glory to God for all He has done in our school year, farewelling the year 12 students and acknowledging the hard work and achievement of individual students.

A particular highlight was the final combined choir including students and staff of the school.

A special thanks to Mrs Sara Trinkle for all her input in organising the night and the ongoing work she does with the students in choir and ensemble. It is a vital aspect of our school that helps students appreciate the importance of all God means to us and has done for us.





## MTCS Dragster Race

This year the 5/6 class have been designing and building dragsters propelled by CO2 cartridges. The final dragsters were sanded from balsawood blocks with a hole in the back for the CO2 cartridge. Other students and parents were also given the opportunity to participate in the event by collecting an extra balsawood blank.

The final race day was held on Monday the 5th of December. A 20m race-track was set up on the tennis court along with a millisecond timer to determine how long it took each car to complete the 20m track. From this time measurement the average speed could be determined. The fastest cars were as follows:

**Fastest Car in the 5/6 Class:**  
Timotei Prichici: 69.5 km/hr

**Fastest Car From Whole School:**  
Eric Fahner: 74.3 Km/hr

**Second Fastest Car From Whole School:**  
Timotei Prichici: 69.5 km/hr

**Third Fastest Car From Whole School:**  
Isaac Trinkle: 68.2 km/hr

Chase Watkin actually had the fastest car at 76.5 Km/hr, however his car was slightly too short and as a result did not quite meet the required specification. However, a very impressive result Chase, well done!

A special mention also to Miss Trinkle, whose innovative dragster design managed to achieve 72.1 Km/hr.

Some dragsters looked amazing. Two that stood out were those from Thomas Robertson and Aiden Grills who received first and second award for aesthetics. Well done!

It was really encouraging to see the parent involvement with their children and a special thanks to those parents that braved the sun to watch their child's car race.

Thanks for your patience with the occasional hiccups in the electronics, firing mechanism and track setup. Hopefully it will be much smoother next time!

## Year 12 Graduation Dinner

This year's graduation dinner for the three year 12 students, Emily Trinkle, Jasmin Haggie and Tanae Mieglich was again held at Windy Point Restaurant.

The three graduating students attended with their parents, staff and a board representative. It was a special time of commemorating all these students have meant to our school community, their hard work and persistence and the input they have had in various aspects of school life.

As usual the view was magnificent and the food exotic and enjoyed by all.

A big thank you to the graduates for the example and positive influence you have had in our school. May you know God's leading and guiding in your future life journey.





## Year 3-6 Excursion

The year 3-6 students travelled to Barossa Bowland for some bowling and mini golf fun on Thursday for our end of year excursion.

Azayla took the number 1 spot for highest score at bowling with Chase a close second.

Students enjoyed the lunch provided by Barossa Bowland consisting of nuggets and chips.

The students had a wonderful time.



## Year 7-10 Walk

In week 7 Mr Trinkle and Miss Allen took the year 7 to 10 class on a walk around Mt Torrens. The intention was to take the entire class on an 8 km walk starting from the school and returning to the school. In practice it ended up being an all-boys walk with some boys venturing somewhat further than originally intended! However, everyone still made it back in time for the next lesson. The boys really enjoyed the exercise and the experience of getting out into the countryside.



## 2023 Stationery

Students in Years 3-12 are able to pick up their stationery packs on the week of Monday 23rd January from 8.30am-4pm. Students in Years 12 may choose to use the stationery provided by the school if desired. Students in Years F-2 will have stationery available in their classrooms on the first day back. Stationery costing is included in the school fees.

## Year 7-12 Excursion

Students were privileged to travel to Brighton beach to attend a day of team building events run by Beyond Limits. The first activity of the day had students doggy-digging under pool noodles and pulling their team members through sand to victory. Thereafter, students and some teachers exerted a great deal of energy running leaky buckets full of water over a large expanse of sand. And all that just to fill up a 70L garbage bin and empty it into a trench dug from the bucket back to the ocean.

As if that wasn't enough excitement for one morning, the tribes were then tasked with building a sand sculpture based on their team name and incorporate one of their team members into the sculpture. I may or may not have a conflict of interest, but it did appear that the RM Williams tribe had some exemplary talent in the sculpting department.

Then it was back to base to eat, stalk pigeons and roll down the hills. At lunch, a brave expedition set out to source hot chips and, after a great deal of time had passed, returned with their spoils, only to flee (at great speed) from peers who offered to help them consume them. That escapade outlived, students returned to the beach to build rafts, tying fingernail bending knots and immersing themselves in the white-capped ocean.

Students moved so quickly through each of the assigned activities that it became necessary that approximately half an hour be spent playing a game involving ducks, geese and fallen over students.

All in all, this was a good finish for what has been a fantastic cohort of year 7-12 students this year. We thank God for the students he has given us and the opportunities we have to grow closer to one another and have fun together.





## Year F-2 Excursion

Students in the year F-2 class, were welcomed to 4 Valleyview Lane by Shaun the sheep, who later kindly laid out some presents under the Christmas tree for the children. It's wasn't long before the Christmas presents began to disappear from the under tree!

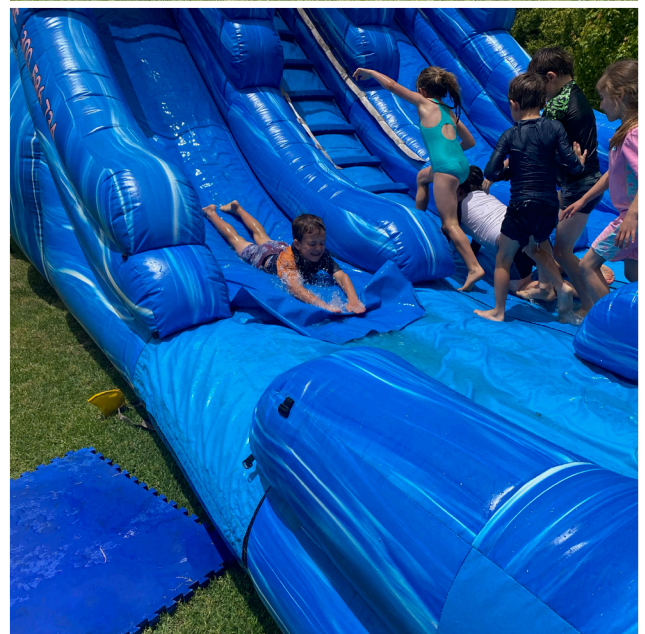
What a mystery!

It was indeed the runaway gingerbread man causing trouble we soon found out! The gingerbread man was spotted running across The Valley paddocks !

Finally the culprit was caught and agreed to return the presents.

After trampoline jumps, castle jumps, water sliding And party games, the day was completed with a present opening.

We had a great time!



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