

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 | WEEK 7 | 2023



**MT TORRENS  
CHRISTIAN**  
SCHOOL



## Calendar

**MONDAY 20th -24th MARCH**

NAPLAN Catch ups

**TUESDAY 28th MARCH**

SAPSASA Athletics, Cornerstone College

**THURSDAY 6th APRIL**

Whole School Easter Egg Hunt

**THURSDAY 7th APRIL**

Good Friday

**TUESDAY 11th APRIL**

SACSA Athletics U13s-Opens, SA Athletic Stadium

**THURSDAY 13th APRIL**

Year 7, 8 and 10 Immunisations

**FRIDAY 14th April**

MTCS Sports Day / Last Day of Term 1

**FRIDAY 5th May**

SACSA Cross Country, Carisbrooke Reserve Salisbury

## 2023 Term Dates

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

## From the Principal

It has been a great start to the year with most students settling in quickly. It has been a blessing to observe the positive class dynamics both in the classrooms and school yard. The middle school boys especially are showing great sportsmanship in their soccer games at recess and lunch times.

We have also been blessed this term with a new agriculture program introduced by Mr Hicks with garden plots that are looking great and about to produce the first vegetables. Thanks to all those who helped make this a reality for our students. Another highlight this term has been the year 5/6 class excursion to Mr Hick's farm to

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better understand the survival skills of the main character in the book they are studying. This year students will be memorising Psalm 103, which encourages us not to forget the many ways in which God is gracious to us and be thankful and praise him. One of the greatest things the Psalmist is thankful for is the forgiveness of all his sins. This forgiveness has been made possible through Jesus suffering on the cross to pay the full penalty for our sin and is freely offered to all who feel their need and receive Jesus as their Saviour.

### **Psalm 103: 1-5**

*Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
And all that is within me, bless His holy name!  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
And forget not all His benefits:  
Who forgives all your iniquities,  
Who heals all your diseases,  
Who redeems your life from destruction,  
Who crowns you with loving kindness and  
tender mercies,  
Who satisfies your mouth with good things,  
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

Blessings

Matthew Trinkle

## Girls Volleyball

Congratulations to our year 7-9 girls volleyball team for a strong performance at the 2023 Beach volleyball festival at Glenelg last week.

The girls finished second in division two and worked well together as a team.

Hannah Trinkle

## Sam Gribley Day

It was a little cold and misty when the year 5/6 class arrived at the dam on the dairy farm of Mr Hick's son at Mount Compass. This was where we were going to catch Red Fin, using the homemade fishing rods which each student had prepared from sticks, lines, and hooks they found at home.

Inspired by the character, Sam Gribley, from the novel, 'My Side of the Mountain', the day was to be a day of exploration and innovation, as students attempted some of the survival challenges which they had learned about in the novel. Catching fish using a homemade rod was the one of the most alluring of the challenges, and our students were not to be disappointed.

The hero of the dam was Tabitha, who caught all of the four Red Fin, that were to be caught that day. But catching fish wasn't the only challenge. Just getting onto the pontoon needed teamwork and innovation as students had to negotiate a boggy dam wall and a little overcrowding.

Two more fish, trout, were caught at the creek below Mr Hicks' family home. Both Sammy and Azayla managed to coax a trout out of the beautiful, clear, running stream which was being fed by an underground stream.

By now the sun was shining warm and bright, not too hot, not too cold. Quite a lot of energy was expended in building bridges and dams across the creek, while there was success too in foraging for edible plants. Many of us enjoyed the plump, juicy blackberries that were growing wild all along the creek. Herbs were discovered too, mint and watercress. Finally, we ended the day at the farmhouse, where Mrs Hicks cooked up the traditional 'snag', and Mr Hicks gutted the six fish under the supervision of the keen 'fisher-students'.

A very big Thank you to Mr and Mrs Hicks for their generosity and hospitality, and to Mrs Sarah Trinkle for her steadying presence.

Linda Allen





## Year 2 - 4

The year 2/3/4 class this term in science have been learning about classifying animals. We have been observing features of animals to sort them into different categories and groups.

In geography we have been learning about Australia and it's close neighbours, as well as the climate of places.

For Food Technologies we have been learning about where our food comes from. Students are looking forward to tasting various food from different cultures, as well as tasting native Australian foods later this term.

Mrs Hannah Sripada & Mrs Sarah Middleton

## Agriculture

One of Mr Hicks's passions when coming to our school was to set up an agriculture program. After scouting through the school grounds looking for a suitable space for a vegetable plot and discussions with several relevant parties the strip of land behind the Tennis Courts was chosen. Jonathan Trinkle helped remove the grass and prepare the ground and with the help of Mr Albert Trinkle and Danny Trinkle constructed the retaining walls around the plot. A smaller section of the vegetable plot was then assigned to each student in the year 9/10 class to grow their own vegetables. After digging in a trailer load of manure, generously donated from the Kowald farm, the students planted a variety of vegetables. The radishes are almost ready for harvesting and the students are keen to sample their produce.

It has been exciting to see the vegetable plot come together so quickly and look so amazing. The vegetable plot promises to continue to be a good resource for the newly introduced Agriculture program in the years to come.

Thanks Mr Hicks for taking the initiative to get this program underway and all those involved in making it happen.

## Year 5 - 6

The term is moving along quickly and the students have been busy working and learning about many new topics this term. Here are some of them; In Geography the focus has been on natural disasters in particular bushfires and floods. The students looked at the conditions that caused these events by looking at some major ones that have occurred in our country.

In Science, the students have looked at what events can change the shape of the earth's surface. Here the focus has been on earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes. They have looked at how these major events and what changes have occurred in various places on our planet. The way they are measured and recorded will also be investigated.

Athletics is a big part of their PE this term and training, refining and improving their efforts in these events is now an important part, as they will be involved both in the Hills Athletics carnival and in our sports day at the end of the term. Students have selected what events they want to try out for to represent our school at the Hills Carnival in two weeks' time.

Mr Chris Ruediger

## NAPLAN

Students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have undertaken NAPLAN testing this week.

It is always a daunting time for students, however they conducted themselves exceptionally well. The tests ran smoothly thus far with some catch up sessions to be scheduled next week.

NAPLAN results take some time to be reported, however we will keep parents updated and forward once available.





## Important Reminders

### Sports Day - 14th of April 2023

Parents, please be reminded to organise your children's sports day team t-shirts in anticipation of the 2023 MTCS Sports Day. A friendly reminder, the shirts should be short sleeved, in plain red or blue colour (depending what team your child is on) with no writing or pictures. If you need assistance in sourcing the shirts, please contact the office.

Also, if parents are available to volunteer on the day, please email or contact the office. Your help is extremely valuable to us during these exciting events.

### Hats & play

We ask that students be reminded that hats are still required for play at recess and lunch times. Please ensure these are named.

During break times, we ask that students use the first 5-10 minutes to sit down and eat, before play. This reduces the risks of choking and tripping, so that children aren't playing and eating. It will also help students eat all of their delicious lunches!

### Carpark Safety

Upon school pickup time, parents are asked to please refrain from entering the top carpark.



## Lobethal Christian Fellowship Church Welcomes You

Lobethal Christian Fellowship Church holds services on Sundays at 10.30am and a devotional service on Tuesdays evenings at 7pm.

We extend a warm welcome to you to come along and join us. Church lunches are also held on the first Sunday of every month.

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