

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 | WEEK 5 | 2022



MT TORRENS  
CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL



## Term 2 Calendar

### 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

We live in times when what is considered to be true is said to be up to each individual to decide. From this perspective, truth has become subjective, a matter of personal preference or opinion. Believe it or not, there is even a new word for this idea of truth, it's called, "truthiness". The word, "truthiness", was devised by the US satirist, Stephen Colbert, in 2005, to mean, "The quality of preferring concepts or facts one wishes or believes to be true, rather than concepts or facts known to be true".

The fallacy of "truthiness" is that it doesn't fit with the many aspects of truth which are not subjective, or up to individual opinion or preference. The simple truth of,  $2 + 2 = 4$  is not subject to how any of us might think, feel, or want to believe. There are of course, numerous other instances where what is true is a matter of evidence, proof or objective reality.

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## From the Principal

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When it comes to the truth that we obtain from the Bible, the basis of this truth is even further removed from individual ideas or preferences, because such truth is sourced in revelation. Peter describes this revelation as, "holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21). Truth from such a source comes with an impeccable authority and validity.

When the Apostle John wrote as he was moved by the Holy Spirit, he further adds that what he wrote was, "what we have seen and testify". What he testified to was that God the Father has, "sent the Son as Savior of the world" (1 John 4:14). What a truth this is! How important to know that this truth, the truth about salvation, is not a matter of opinion or preference, but of revelation. It is such a basis for the truth of salvation that gives assurance about how we can be saved.

## Year 3-4 Maths

Students in the 3/4 class have explored mathematical formulas of geometry through hands-on experiences. Using masking taped shapes on carpet and paper squares, students were purposely given less than the total amount of paper squares needed to fill a shape. Consequently, they independently discovered the power of length x height for working out the area of shapes. Students then worked out the formula for volume in a similar manner using wooden cubes to measure the inside of their pencil trays. Well done to our young budding mathematicians!

## Cross Country

Last week, on May 26th, we held our annual Cross Country. The events and races ran smoothly and team spirit was evident between McKenzie and Chambers. It was pleasing to see the encouragement from all students, particularly when the pain of running kicked in. This event not only highlighted the students athletic ability, but their humility, compassion and teamwork.

Special mention to the following for taking out 1st place in their respective age groups:

- F-1 Girls: Jazmin Ziegelmann
- F-1 Boys: Matthew Trinkle
- Yr 2-3 Boys & Girls: Yozef Ziegelmann
- 9-10 Year Old Girls: Florence Brosille
- 9-10 Year Old Boys: Isaac Trinkle
- 11-12 Year Olds: Azayla Ziegelmann
- 12-13 Year Old Boys: Benjamin Trinkle
- 13 Year Old Girls: Suzelle Ziegelmann
- 14+Year Old Boys: Timothy Trinkle
- 15+ Year Olds: Eric Fahner

Many thanks to Mr Chris Ruediger for organising the event, teachers for running course practices during classes and all helpers on the day.

The SACSA Cross Country was planned to go ahead on Tuesday the 31st of May, however due to the wet weather it has been postponed. The 16th or 17th of June was listed as a possibility for the rescheduled date, although we are awaiting confirmation. We will advise families and eager students when all is confirmed.





## New School Additions

### STAFF ROOM/KITCHEN

From the State Capital Grant we received this year, we have been able to make some exciting changes to our school. First was to complete the new staff room and kitchen area in the transportable building. The space is now a quiet, refreshed place for teachers to have their lunch and for staff daily devotion. Two desks and computers are also fitted in the space for teachers to use to do preparation. Many thanks to Mr Dave Allen for completing the electrical work, Mr Paul Trinkle for organising the fit-out, admin staff for managing the space and Miss Heidi Trinkle for her generous donations of the new cups and mugs.



### LIBRARY

The grant funds also allowed us to update our library. This is a much needed change that will improve the library. New tables and chairs have increased comfort for students. New shelves have been arranged, with all books neatly transferred thanks to Miss Heidi Trinkle and Miss Eliza Klein. Students are to be reminded to put all books away neatly during library time to keep the space in its organised condition. We hope this space will welcome students to read more.



## Hot Food Lunch

On Monday the 23rd of May, we had a 'Hot Food Lunch'. Mrs Ruth Trinkle and The Lobethal Bakery supplied students and staff with a range of delicious hot food items. Pasties, sausage rolls, pies and more were kindly brought to the school for staff and students to enjoy for lunch and went down a treat! Mount Torrens Christian School appreciates the kindness and generosity of

The Lobethal Bakery in providing this! Hot Food Day and being an example of, **2 Corinthians 9:7-8**, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work".

## From The Students

Time certainly flies, and as I'm writing this half the school term is already gone! However, even though the assignments are still piling up (especially for the senior students), there is so much to be thankful for in our tiny school. I'm constantly reminded of the blessings we have here; amazing, dedicated teachers, close friendships, a new library, and many more (not to mention the games we get to enjoy in choir on a regular basis)!

In the senior classroom, life is putting along as usual. Typically, the school day entails working madly until the blessed ringing of the recess and lunch bells, at which all students promptly abandon their schoolwork for a chance at some relaxation and fun. Winter also brings along a whole new element of interest to school life, with the manipulation of the heater in the senior classroom being a very serious issue over which differences frequently occur...

Emily Trinkle, Yr 12, School Captain

As the 1st semester comes to an end, it hasn't been without its dramas. Hopefully we have seen the back end of Covid at school and now there is no need for masks to be worn, we can recognise our classmates. However those with bad breath can keep their masks on! Joking of course. I would like to thank Dr Sears for his contribution and dedication to Mt Torrens Christian School and for that we are all grateful. We are all thankful to God that we have a Christian School that we can attend and we pray He will help us in the next semester.

Tom Balacco, Yr 11, School Vice Captain





## F-2 Excursion - Apple Farm

The F-2 class visited the Mt Torrens Apple Orchard as part of a Design and Technology unit on food production. They were fortunate to have a talk from the orchardist and conclude with picking a bag full of apples to take home. The children also visited the cherry orchard and discussed how fruit goes in and out of season. Back at school the children learnt how to drop pictures into a PowerPoint presentation to demonstrate the steps in apple production. Mrs Everett drove the class to the Charleston refurbished playground. After lunch, the children explored the playground and bike track. In the classroom, they drew a map of the built and natural environment, and this met the Achievement Standard in HASS. They discussed how the playground and bike track are a good place for outdoor exercise, as outlined in the Australian Curriculum.



## Wet Weather Reminders

This week has seen the arrival of wet weather in Mount Torrens. The wet weather policy for students regarding recess and lunch is as follows:

### **RECESS:**

F-4: Building 1

5-12: Room 6 (eat), Assembly Building (play)

### **LUNCH:**

F-4: Building 1, Assembly Building

5-12: Room 6 (eat), Assembly Building (play)

The oval and other grassed areas are out of bounds when this procedure is in place.



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