

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 | WEEK 3 | 2023



**MT TORRENS  
CHRISTIAN**  
SCHOOL



## Calendar

### TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY

NAPLAN Coordinated Practice Test

### WEDNESDAY 15th - 17th MARCH

NAPLAN TESTING (Years 3, 5, 7 & 9)

### TUESDAY 28th MARCH

SAPSASA Athletics, Cornerstone College

### TUESDAY 11th APRIL

SACSA Athletics U13s-Opens SA Athletic Stadium

### THURSDAY 6th APRIL

Whole School Easter Egg Hunt

### THURSDAY 7th APRIL

Good Friday

### THURSDAY 13th APRIL

Year 7, 8 and 10 Immunisations

### FRIDAY 14th MAY

MTCS Sports Day / Last Day of Term 1

## 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 an exciting start to the new year with two new staff members and several new students joining our school community. The two new foundation students this year are Winson Degamo and Louis Brosille, while Ahana Sripada and Joseph Dunford joined the year 2 class. It has also been a real privilege to welcome two new staff members. Mr Hicks is sharing the responsibility of teaching the Yr 5/6 class with Mr Ruediger, while Mrs Middleton is filling in for Mrs Guzman in the Yr 3/4 class due to her pregnancy. We are so thankful to God for providing these two experienced teachers and for the heart they have for the Lord and

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## From the Principal

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the students here at school and for the blessing and encouragement they have already been to us all.

Thank you also to all those who helped prepare the school for the new year especially Jonathan Trinkle who reworked the pavers in front of the staff room, rejuvenated the lawn and constructed an agriculture plot for Mr Hicks which is already being used by students.

We are so grateful to God for the good start we have had to the year so far and his blessing and faithfulness in the provision of new staff and students and look forward to all He has in store for us this year. It is so encouraging to know that "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

Matthew Trinkle



Winson Degamo

Louis Brosille

## Attendance

If you have a child that is going to be away and you are aware in advance, please communicate this through the students diary/note book to ensure that the respective teacher knows. If your child is away unexpectedly, please ensure that you contact the school office.

## Hats

It is a requirement that all students wear their school hats during breaks or when outside in Term 1. We ask that you ensure that your children brings them to school and please label them, a number of hats have wound up in the lost property unnamed.



Joseph Dunford

Ahana Sripada



## Year 7/8 Excursion - Mini Golf

As an introduction to their Technologies Unit, the year 7/8 class attended an excursion to Hahndorf mini golf. Despite the positively wilting sunshine, students attempted each of the holes, some with more success than others! Several balls were lost, but far more were found, thanks to the efforts of William Millan and the girls (who dug all of the balls out of the last hole, not knowing that leaving them in there was a thing).

Next week students will begin the work of designing a scaled down mini golf obstacle that responds to a ball with light, sound or movement.

## Snake Catchers Adelaide

On Tuesday 7th February, Dean from Snake Catchers Adelaide came to talk to the students about snake awareness.

Students were able to get up close and personal with some of the most venomous snakes found in the Adelaide Hills and surrounding areas.

Students were amazed to find out that a brown snake is not necessarily brown and that a red bellied black snake could be brown in colour.

We saw how first aid is applied to a snake bite (thanks to the willingness of Tabitha Cummins)

We also learned that aggressive brown snakes do not attack humans intentionally, but do become aggressive when there is sudden movement nearby.

Thank you once again Dean for sharing your knowledge and expertise with our school community.







## Art with Mrs Trinkle

Art Students across all year levels have been experimenting with soft pastels, training the brain to draw what it sees rather than what it thinks it sees.



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