

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 | WEEK 11 | 2023



MT TORRENS  
CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL



## Calendar

### FRIDAY 5TH May

SACSA Cross Country, Carisbrooke Reserve  
Salisbury

### THURSDAY 18TH MAY

Road Safety Centre Excursion - Thebarton,  
Years F-4

### THURSDAY 25TH May

MTCS Cross Country

### FRIDAY 2ND JUNE

Christian Ministries International Speaker  
Presenting 8.35-9.15am

### WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE

SACSA Volleyball Year 9/10 girls, The Lights Sports  
Centre

### THURSDAY 15TH JUNE

SACSA Volleyball Year 7-8 girls The Lights Sports  
Centre

## 2023 Term Dates

### TERM 1

30th January - 14th April

### TERM 2

1st May - 30th June

### TERM 3

24th July - 29th September

### TERM 4

16th October - 8th December

## From the Principal

As this term has drawn to a close, there are so many things to be thankful for as we consider how God has provided, sustained, and led throughout this term. It has been a blessing to see how well the new students and staff have integrated into the school, the progress made by students both academically and personally, the new agriculture plot, the upgrade to the woodworking area in the shed, the various excursions, the excellent results our school continues to have in interschool sports, and the list could go on.

One of the main highlights this term was our own sports day. Thanks so much to Mr. Ruediger for all the prior planning and ad-

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## From the Principal

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hoc adjustments on the day to make it such a success. Thanks also to all the parents and others who volunteered their time to help with the various events, it made the day run so much more smoothly and a special thanks to the students who gave it their best. Sport can be such a blessing when we seek to bring glory to God rather than ourselves as athletes. It was a privilege to see glory being brought to God not only in the athletic talent he has given to many of our students but also in the words of encouragement and support as well as the willingness of the less athletic students to put in their best effort. Let's continue to be mindful of the encouragement in 1 Corinthians 10:31 "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

Mr Matthew Trinkle



## Year F-2 Class

The Foundation / Year 1 and Year 2 students were bursting with questions as they role-played aspects of the Easter story. Many children wanted to contribute their knowledge to Bible discussions. Children designed an Easter garden with lucerne, sticks and stones to prompt discussion and drama.

Mrs Jane Everett



## Year 3 - 4 Class

In English this term the students have been studying the book Nim's Island.

Students have been busy reading and responding to the text, along with collecting new vocabulary for our Nim's Island display.

After finishing the book, the class enjoyed a movie screening with snacks for their hard work.

Mrs Hannah Sripada

## Year 5 - 6 Design & Tech

Term 1 has been a busy one for the Year 5-6 Tech class. As you will see from the photographs, they have produced excellent pieces of woodwork.

At the commencement, students were introduced to the properties of wood, wood varieties and the technique of laminating. They were also asked to consider the aesthetics in combining timbers to create an effect and a desirable wood product in the form of a board that would have practical uses.

Students were given several pieces of timber of two varieties to prepare for laminating. This involved sanding to a standard where the faces would match when they were glued. Students then glued their pieces together to create a single board. This required them to correctly arrange their pieces and to align them so that they formed a level surface.

Having glued their piece, students then had to face off the board on both sides, decide on their final shape and finish the surfaces using several grades of sandpaper such that the surface felt as smooth as soap. Having finished their board, they sealed the timber using Tung Oil.

The students were all very pleased with their product.

Mr Bruce Hicks



### My Chopping Board Report By Azayla Ziegelmann

This term with Mr Hicks during Design and Technologies we could make any shape we liked out of piece of laminated wood that we made our self.

1. Found a design I liked.
2. We cut 30cm pieces of wood out of a long piece of timber.
3. Glued 5 pieces of wood together to make a laminated piece of wood.
4. Cut out the shape we wanted in the block of wood.
5. Sanded them until they were very smooth.
6. Put Tung Oil on all sides and edges so it will be washable, smooth and shiny.

### Wood Board Report By Jeremy Fahner

- Step 1. Find a design you like.
- Step 2. Cut up 30cm pieces of wood out of a big piece of timber.
- Step 3. Sand the 30cm pieces of wood, then glue them together.
- Step 4. Sand the board again until smooth as a soap bar. Then use Tung Oil to complete.

I made this board because Mr Hicks told us to make a board and also because I need a present for my Dad's birthday.

## Year 9 - 10 Agriculture

During Term 1 the main focus for Technology has been the student gardens.

Students have enjoyed the quick growing radishes that they could eat direct from their patch or take home to use in cooked dishes or salads. Their swedes, turnips, onions, carrots and brassicas are making excellent progress and should be ready for harvest late Autumn through to winter.

Early care in terms of weeding, watering and scarifying to aerate between the rows are skills learnt too. Each student records their garden progress in a log book. Included in the log are soil preparation, growth rates, photosynthesis, culture and planting guides.

As the year progresses, wood box project and coding will begin to claim more study time when the garden slows through the winter months.

We hope to have a little produce left to share with the whole school community as time goes by.

God's creation continues to give as we tend it and cause it to bear fruit. (Genesis 2:15)

Mr Bruce Hicks

## SAPSASA Athletics

On Tuesday the 28th of March, the Year 4 - 6 students along with Mr Chris Ruediger and Miss Eliza Klein, ventured to the new home of the SACS Carnival, Cornerstone College Mt Barker. The day began with alternating events of shot put, long jump and high jump. During this time, the 100m and 200m sprints were also on, which saw Isaac Trinkle and Reuben Trinkle place 2nd and 3rd respectively. Our Marie Trinkle also placed 3rd in long jump. The next part of the day included discuss as well as 400m, 800m and 1500m races. A special mention to Sammy Brosille who performed extremely well in the 1500m race, keeping at



the front of the pack the whole time. Finally, the day ended with relays which saw the MTCS colours fly through the track. All children performed extremely well and showed spectacular sportsmanship. We even received the Challenge Shield yet again, all thanks to our talented students and trusty sports teacher, Mr Ruediger.

## SACSA Athletics

The air was thick with the usual mixture of nervousness and excitement as students waited to depart for the South Australian Athletics Stadium. After an eventful trip down to the stadium, the day began with the under fifteens' high jump event. We watched with great anticipation as Jessica and Calvin cleared greater and greater heights, with Calvin scissoring most of them until he finally succumbed to the flop. Jessica was quickly one of the last standing in her event, showing grace and elegance in her competition. As the high jump was wrapping up, students started to depart for their diverse events, most of them achieving highly both overall and within our division. We closed off the day with presentations, during which Zac and Eric received the third division challenge shield on our behalf. Well done to all students who showed good sportsmanship and performed in all their events to the best of their ability and a big thank you to SACSA for running the competition and Heidi, Igor and Nadine for coming along to supervise.

Miss Hannah Trinkle



## Year 7-8 History and Art Excursion

This term, the Year 7/8 History class researched the history of ancient Greece to discover just what significant individuals, ideas and political systems shaped their culture, and to what extent that culture has influenced our own today. Key individuals the students chose to research were well known names like Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Alexander the Great, and Archimedes, to name a few. To finish off the project, the History class enjoyed a Greek lunch at The Greek on Halifax Street in the city. The excursion was combined with Art, and Mrs. Ruth Trinkle organized a visit to Bethlehem Lutheran Church so that students could sketch architectural features of the building. We were very blessed on that day by the presence of a student organist who played hymns for us (and we sang along a little), and the chief organist, who showed us inside the pipes of the organ, as well as demonstrating to us how the stops and pedals worked. She even allowed Arielle to play the keyboard. We then managed to round off the day with a tour around the city centre on the free bus, from which we hopped off for a quick look into the Mortlock Library. We all had a lovely day.

Linda Allen



## Year 7 - 8 Science

Students in year seven and eight have been studying the topic of mixtures and have undertaken a variety of practical activities to experiment with mixtures, expanding on and consolidating their learning.

They have tried their hand at separating mixtures that they might come across in day to day life, using the technique of winnowing to separate the mixture of gobstoppers and rice bubbles, distillation to separate Ribena from water, evaporation to separate salt from water and water from strawberry sauce.

They have also learned about the differences between suspensions, colloids and solutions. Identifying mixtures that they had created as falling within those categories.

Miss Hannah Trinkle



## Easter Egg Hunt

Students in Years F-6 had the joy of participating in an Easter egg hunt.

An elaborate course was designed where students were broken into teams and clues lead them to the ultimate prize of chocolate.

Students were found climbing trees, digging up the sand pit and trying out their German with Mr Gideon, all to get ahead for the prize.

We thank Eliza Klein for all her efforts in organising the hunt. The students had a great time and especially loved the end prize of chocolate!



## Uniforms

Please be reminded that students are required to wear their winter uniforms for Term 2. There will be however a two week transition period as necessary if we do get an odd warm day.

Please contact Esther Ziegelmann if you need to update or order.



## MTCS Sports Day

The annual MTCS sports day was held on the last day of term (14th of April). The school was decorated for the event with balloons and other decorations and banners organized by Miss Hannah Trinkle and her enthusiastic student helpers who had even given up some of their lesson time to prepare the decorations. The day was opened in prayer after which each of the different age groups went off to do the tabloid events including High jump, Long jump, Discus, Javelin/Vortex and Shot Put. Each of the events was ably assisted by parents and volunteers which helped them run smoothly. The tabloid events were followed by a long distance run towards the end of which a barbeque lunch was served. Mr Mark Ziegelmann introduced a new high-tech way of timing the students using an app on a smartphone, which worked really well. Lunch was followed by the short distance races and the relays which all benefited from the new timing apparatus. The final running event was the old scholars/parents relay, what the female team lacked in speed they made up in style with one of the runners dressed up as Garfield. The final event was a whole school Tug of War with additional help from parents and visitors. We were blessed with good weather for the day and it was encouraging to see the way students encouraged each other to do their best and have a go. Several records were broken on the day which will be individually acknowledged at the start of next term. The scores were very close for most of the day differing at times by only a few points. The final scores were: McKenzie 669 to Chambers 649. Well done McKenzie for breaking the winning streak of Chambers for the last two years, making it now 3 to 2 in favor of McKenzie. A big thank you to Mr Reudiger for organising and running the day, Mrs George keeping the score and helping organise the day, Mrs Sarah Trinkle for the lolly/egg jar guessing competition and all the other helpers/ volunteers that made the day so special.









## 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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