

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 | WEEK 3 | 2023



MT TORRENS  
CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL



## Term 2 Calendar

### THURSDAY 1ST JUNE

MTCS Cross Country, races begin 1.30pm

### FRIDAY 2ND JUNE

Christian Ministries International Speaker  
Presenting 8.35am followed by morning tea

### 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

### FRIDAY 16TH JUNE

Pupil Free Day due to Staff Training

### FRIDAY 23RD JUNE

MTCS Dinner Concert, 6.30-8pm Lobethal  
Christian Fellowship Church

### FRIDAY 30TH JUNE

Last day of Term 2

## From the Principal

It is always inspiring to experience the enthusiasm of the students at the start of the new school term after a refreshing break. The start of this term has been especially exciting with the arrival of two calves from the Kowald's farm as part of the Cows Create Careers program which has been re-introduced this year by Mr Hicks. His expertise in Dairy farming, and extensive planning and preparation have been a real asset to the program, making it more sustainable into the future. Other exciting changes have been the addition of a router table to the woodwork shed and the arrival of two basketball hoops that we trust will soon be installed on either side of the Tennis court. They will provide an alternative lunchtime sport activity when the oval is too wet for soccer.

The focus for this Term's scripture is: Psalm 103v8: "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy." God is gracious in giving us good things we do not deserve and merciful in withholding the punishment that we do deserve. The memory  
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## From the Principal

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verse goes on to say in verse 10 that “He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities”. The question may arise how God can be just and merciful at the same time? The answer is that God in Jesus Himself suffered the full penalty of our sin, which is eternal damnation, that “He may be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Romans 3v26). God can now justly forgive all those who turn from their sin and place their trust in Jesus. How amazing is His mercy and grace!

Mr Matthew Trinkle

## Music Corner

Well, it's that time of year again... time to pull out the music books and look for pieces for the upcoming concert. We've had good laughs in the last couple of weeks as we've launched on the journey to learn new songs!

Soloists are budding from around every corner and it's heartening to see their enthusiasm as they tackle their own personal challenge of mastering a solo!

The ensemble has been a bucket load of messy sounds as well as good rhythms and sweet harmonies!

Looking forward to sharing our sounds with you all at the Dinner Concert...

Good thing we still have five weeks to practice because...hmm,yeah, we need it!

Mrs Sara Trinkle



## Year F - 4 Road Safety Excursion

So much fun and learning was had at the Road Safety Centre at Thebarton on Thursday, 18th May. The Foundation to Year 4 students participated in all the activities offered by Constable Rhys.

Students joined in question-and-answer times with our host. They enjoyed videos of Jeff the Police Dog showing them the correct way to cross the road or cross a railway; put on a helmet; put on seat belts; play away from the road and cross the road at a pedestrian crossing.

Students rode two-wheeler bikes, some with training wheels or three-wheeler bikes around a mock roadway built just for children. They navigated riding on the left-hand side of the road and driving around a roundabout correctly. Students were stopping at a railway line, red traffic lights, stop signs and pedestrian crossings.

Constable Rhys reiterated that children need to wear helmets when riding bikes, skateboards, and roller blades, as damage to our brains can happen easily. He also made the point that children must have one seatbelt each when riding as passengers in a car so to protect them.

All the children used their manners when talking to grown-ups on the day. They decided they must return for another visit.







## Miss Allen and The Spinning Wheel

The occasion for the visit of the spinning wheel to Room 3 last week was the novel, *Silas Marner*, by George Elliot. The year 9/10 class is studying this classic 19thC English novel which is set in a typical rural English village and features, as its key protagonist, a solitary artisan weaver named Silas Marner. What made the visit of the spinning wheel possible was that fact that it was gifted to me (Miss Allen) as a birthday present only just at the beginning of the term. The coinciding of the gift and the novel study seemed too serendipitous to ignore, so I brought the wheel in to show students how woollen thread was made by spinning, then to be ready for knitting and weaving into clothes and rugs. Students were immensely interested in the old technology and to learn how, in the days before the Industrial Revolution, every consumer item was made by hand. The demonstration included how to 'comb' the woollen fleece using a 'carder'. Students were able to feel the wool in its crude and tangled condition, and then after carding to touch the soft fuzzy combed wool. Some students attempted to use the foot pedal, and others to try feeding the wool into the spool, which seemed so easy. But all were soon surprised to discover that it wasn't as easy as it looks, and that as in everything, it takes a little practise to master it.

Miss Linda Allen



## Cows Create Careers

### The building of the Cow Shed

On the second Thursday of the holidays, we embarked on the construction of a cow shed at about 9:30 in the morning and diligently worked until 2 in the afternoon.





The shed was designed to accommodate two calves comfortably, providing them with a safe and sheltered environment. For the flooring, we opted for a compacted soil base covered with pine chips that offers stability and a natural surface for the cows to walk on.

The main structure was built using iron and treated pine posts, ensuring durability and strength. As for the roof, we used tin sheets to provide protection from the elements while allowing ample ventilation.

The completed cow shed stands as a testament to our commitment to animal welfare and the resourceful use of materials to create a functional and cosy space for the calves.

Zacarey Pfeiffer

## Year 5-6 Class

After three weeks, the children in the Year 5/6 have been busy in many areas of learning.

In Maths, they have been busy with their own modules in maths and have almost finished two cycles in their assessments. Science this term is on the topic of light. They have had a short inquiry into bioluminescence and have found some interesting creatures who have this inbuilt ability and how it is used. Next week they have an experiment that looks at transparent, translucent and opaque materials. Geography has focussed on how environments can shape places/settlements and they will undertake some research and compare two settlements in similar locations and how each place has developed.

For play, the students have worked at their cross-country running using the school course twice a week. Each circuit is 1 km and they run it two or three times to prepare them for the event in 2 weeks' time.







## Important Reminders

### Parent Teacher Interviews

This term parents have the opportunity to book parent teacher interviews. If you have not been contacted individually and you would like to have an interview with your children's teachers, please contact the office for assistance.

### MTCS Cross Country

We invite all parents and spectators to attend the 2023 MTCS Cross Country on Thursday June 1st. Races will start at 1:30pm and will go according to age group. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided for guests.

### MTCS Dinner Concert

Preparations are in full swing for our exciting mid year Dinner Concert. As per the latest Skoolbag post, spaces have opened up for family friends to attend. If all parents could please email the Office regarding attendance, if you have not done so already that would be greatly appreciated.

### Yard Rubbish

There has been an increase of litter around the yard lately. Students should be reminded to sit down to eat at recess and lunch, and put all rubbish in the bins provided.

## 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>

## 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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