

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 | WEEK 10 | 2023



**MT TORRENS
CHRISTIAN**
SCHOOL



Term 4 Calendar

Tuesday 17th October | El Shadai Excursion
(Whole School) Wellington

Wednesday 18th October | Whole School
Photos

Thursday 26th October | PS Oscar W Charter
Excursion (Year 7-12 Students)

Tuesday 31st October | Year 7/8 SACSA Table
Tennis Competition

Wednesday 1st November | Year 9/10 SACSA
Table Tennis Competition

Monday 6th November | Beach Volley Ball
Competition

Wednesday 8th November | Beach Volley Ball
Competition

2023 Term Dates

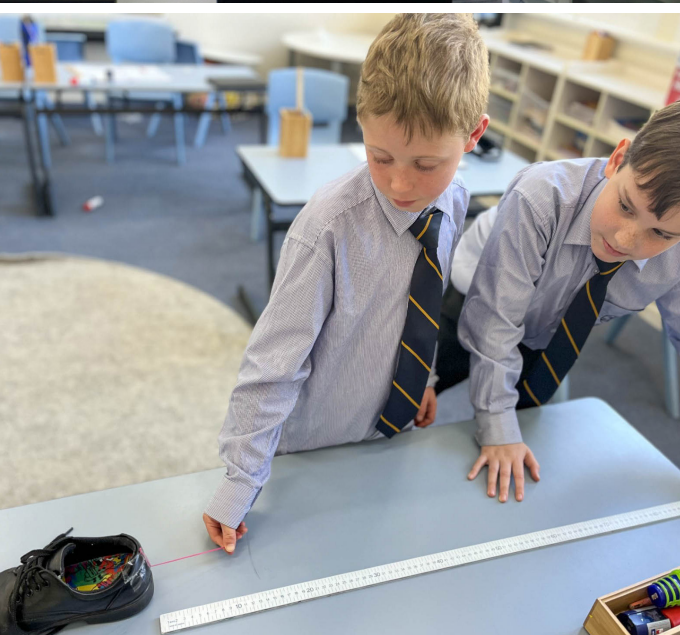
TERM 1	30th January - 14th April
TERM 2	1st May - 30th June
TERM 3	24th July - 29th September
TERM 4	16th October - 8th December

From the Principal

It has been special to experience the deep connections within the community as we travelled through this term together.

As I reflected on the importance of community in our school, I considered the many aspects of school life that help develop a sense of community. Starting from the all-school choir, ensemble, after school soccer to the groups that just form spontaneously including lunch time sports such as volleyball, soccer and chaisey. Unfortunately, the boy's lunchtime American football game had to be stopped due to safety concerns, despite the great spirit of comradeship that was developing! This sense of community was also very evident at the food fair that we just enjoyed. It was so special to see the enthusiasm and courtesy of the students in the way they went about the preparation and serving of the food and setting up the stalls. It was also a good time for staff and students to connect with parents, grandparents, and visitors. Thank you all for supporting the event and making the day so memorable.

I recently read the story behind the well-known hymn below. It was written by a pastor in a poor country town struggling to provide for his family. He had been offered a pastorate in a larger town



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with a higher salary. As they were setting off on a cart, he realised that he could not leave the people he had grown to love, so he unpacked the wagon again and stayed there for the rest of his life.

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship our spirit finds
Is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes;
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

Mr Matthew Trinkle

Mrs Everett's F - 2 Class

The F/1/2 class decorated wooden boomerangs in the colours of the Aboriginal flag. They tested them in flight on the school oval. There was much chatter as the children discussed technique and style in throwing a boomerang. The children all agreed that the Boomerang Throwing Champion for 2023 was Thomas Robertson. Well done Thomas!

Year 2 - 4 Science

In Science this term we have been investigating forces. Students had to design an experiment to measure friction on shoes with different surfaces. They designed the experiment, made predictions, decided on variables, wrote up the method, collected materials, conducted the experiment, recorded the results and graphed the results. Well done year 2/3/4's.

Mrs Hannah Sripada

Year 2 - 4 Disc Golf

For PE this term students have been learning how to play Disc Golf. It is a similar concept to normal golf, but with discs to throw and baskets to catch them in at the end of each hole. The school has purchased a basket and a set of discs for students to continue to play with at school and learn. For the past 3 weeks, Sarah Middleton and Hannah Sripada have taken the Year 2/3/4's to Woodhouse Activity Centre to play a full round of disc golf as part of their PE program. The students have had a lot of fun while learning the new sport. In the final week students played a real tournament in their year groups with a real disc golf disc up for grabs for the major prize. The scores were very close, and the competition was tight. Congratulations to Yozi Ziegelmann, Dwight Trinkle and Joseph Dunford who each won the tournament for their year levels! Thank you also to Mrs Esther Ziegelmann and Mrs Rachel Brosille for volunteering to accompany the students on these excursions, your great willingness is certainly something we are thankful for.

Mrs Hannah Sripada & Mrs Sarah Middleton

Sporting Schools Grant

We have been very fortunate to have been successful in receiving a Sporting Schools Grant which has allowed us to obtain the services of a professional basketball coach. In just a few sessions the coach, Mr James Rattus was able to impart skills and knowledge such that the students obtained a fair grasp of the game. In just a few sessions the students' improved abilities became obvious enabling them to effectively play with a higher degree of competency.

These sessions also enabled us to try out the new adjustable sets of goals installed only in Term 2. The coach enjoyed being able to work with our students and commented on their approach to sport and their honesty while playing the game. In all, this was a very valuable experience for our students.'

Mr Bruce Hicks



MTCS FOOD FAIR!







MTCS Food Fair

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On Thursday the 28th of September, we held the first ever MTCS Food Fair! Students from grades 7-10 worked in groups to create, cook and 'sell' meals inspired from their chosen country. France, Mexico, Australia and America were some of countries chosen. Lessons in Home Economics and Design and Tech, as well as cooking sessions at our Church was all preparation for the Fair that was. We thank the community, family and friends for attending the event and supporting our students. We also extend our gratitude and thankfulness to Mrs Ruth Trinkle and her budding helpers in organising the day. We hope all who visited enjoyed their tasty treats.



Term 3 Music Recap

Making A Joyful Noise Unto The Lord

This term in Choir we've had a fairly easy and quiet run. We have tried out lots of new songs, sung in Hebrew, (with the pronunciation issue giving us some laughs) and been challenged with our End of Term Quiz questions which had the students scratching their heads! We have also seen the arrival of our "Joyful noise" Instruments.

In our weekly Junior Choir Practice, the F-4s have participated with great enthusiasm as we have made a "joyful noise". Not to an audience of many, nor to an audience seen, but we have made a joyful noise unto the LORD! I'm quite sure anyone passing by would not consider it a pleasant noise, given that the tambourines, maracas, and hand bells combined with the wooden blocks and hand drums tend to make a rather horrid sound when all played at once, however the students have been playing their noisy instruments with joy!

Enjoy the break. We'll be in for lots of practicing next term with Christmas and End of Term Service to prep for.

Psalm 100 "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing."

Mrs Sara Trinkle



Year 5 - 6 Cockle Train Excursion

The 'Steam Ranger' otherwise known as the 'Cockle Train'

Last week, the grade 5/6 class had a day on the Cockle Train between Goolwa and Victor Harbour, The class has been studying the novel, *The Railway Children*, by E. Nesbitt, which revolves around the lives of three children who live near the railway during the days of the old steam locomotive.

It was a perfect day as we embarked on the old style carriage. Inside the lovely wooden carriages, the windows opened upward to allow the breeze and helped passengers to make the most of the lovely ocean views. Beautifully shaped and crafted brass fittings and fixtures added to the refinement of the whole interior. It all combined to provide a most special and enjoyable journey to Victor Harbour.

The contrast on the return journey when we had to travel back to Goolwa in the old 'Red Hens' was surprising. The engine and carriage were amalgamated into one, causing the smell of diesel to permeate the carriage and providing a slightly less pleasant journey. These carriages too though have become part of railway history and so provided an interesting demonstration of the evolution of train travel in South Australia.

The final icing on the cake for the day was our lunch stop on the Goolwa Warf where we had the privilege of seeing close up the arrival and docking of the OSCAR W Steam Boat. Here we had the opportunity go on board and explore the vessel. This is one of the few steam boats still operating with a genuine steam engine. We were able to inspect the brightly painted engine, see the piles of wood in the hold and examine all the beautiful old fixtures and fittings of a live and functioning Steam river boat.

All in all, it was a day to remember!

Miss Linda Allen

Year 7 - 8 Bushland Excursion

As part of their recent science topic, students in year seven and eight made a trek to bushland park to investigate the abiotic and biotic factors of that ecosystem. Students then constructed their own ecosystem in a glass jar with abiotic and biotic components. Some students learned for the first time (it seemed) that seedlings must have roots if they are to grow. Well done 7/8s.

Miss Hannah Trinkle





Important Reiminders

Whole School Photos

The 2023 Whole School Photos have been rescheduled to the Wednesday the 18th of October, Week 1 of Term 4. Students should be reminded that they need to wear full winter uniform for the photos including navy tights for girls. Short sleeve shirts can be worn with a tie, under their V Neck Jumpers. If the weather is warm on the day, students can change into their summer uniform after the photos have concluded.

Uniforms

Students are required to wear their Summer Uniform for Term 4. If you require any new uniforms to accomodate this, please contact Esther Ziegelmann prior to the start of term.

Carpark Safety

Upon school pickup time, parents are reminded to please refrain from entering the top carpark. The 25 km/ph speed limit should also be adhered to.

2024 Term Dates

- TERM 1 29th January - 12th April
- TERM 2 29th April - 28th June
- TERM 3 22nd July - 27th September
- TERM 4 14th October - 6th December

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.

Lobethal Christian Fellowship is located at 17 Frick Street, Lobethal.



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