

NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 | WEEK 3 | 2023



**MT TORRENS
CHRISTIAN**
SCHOOL



Term 4 Calendar

MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER | Beach Volleyball
Competition

WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER | Beach Volleyball
Competition

WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER | Foundation
Transitions for 2024 visit 8:30am - 11:00am

MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER | New Student
Transitions (Non Foundations) 8:30am - 3:00pm

Whole School Transition | 8:30am - 11:00am

WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER | Foundation
Transitions for 2024 visit 8:30am - 1:15pm

MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER | RAA Road Safety Talk

WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER | Foundation
Transitions for 2024 visit 8:30am - 3:00pm

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER | Term 4 Fun Day &
Last Day of Term

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER | Pupil Free Day & End of
Year Service 2023

From the Principal

This last term of the year again promises to be a busy, but fun time for students with a significant number of events and excursions. There are the usual sporting events that happen in term 4, as well as our first excursion to the El Shaddai campsite which was a highlight for those involved. It has been great to see the enthusiasm of the students as they have actively engaged in physical activities both on the excursions and in break times, the willingness with which they switched back from rugby to soccer at recess and lunch and how they included each other in the game. However apart from the health benefits gained from physical exercise we trust more importantly that students are also growing spiritually as they interact with each other and staff. I have been recently touched by the verse in 1 Timothy 4: 7 – 8 which encourages us to “exercise yourself toward godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.” One aspect of exercising ourselves toward Godliness is to spend time in God’s word and allowing it to shape our lives. In this regard it has been particularly encouraging seeing students reciting the entire Psalm 103 which has been the memory verse for this year. I want to close with two selected verses of a hymn based on Psalm 103, which summarises so well the main aspects of



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his wonderful psalm.
 PRAISE, my soul, the King of Heaven;
 To His feet your tribute bring!
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
 Who like me His praise should sing!
 Praise Him! Praise Him!
 Praise the everlasting King!
 Father-like He tends and spares us,
 Well our feeble frame He knows;
 In His hands He gently bears us,
 Rescues us from all our foes.
 Praise Him! Praise Him,
 Widely as His mercy flows. O

Mr Matthew Trinkle

The F - 4 Classes

On Friday afternoons, the F/1/2 class and the 2/3/4 class have games together for 30 minutes. This is to promote student well-being through fun, laughter, participation and cheering for one's team. Children are divided into two teams and given a number. When their number is called, the child runs to the team chair, throws their shoe over their shoulder and tries to knock over the bottle of water in the centre of the game, while competing against their peer on the other team. Much laughter and cheering could be heard from the children on the first day we played this game at school. A special mention goes to Winson, Joel, Blossy and Dwight for their skills.

Year 2/3/4 English

In Novel Study this term we are studying The Jungle Book. This involves students reading along with the book during class time and then answering several comprehension questions. We also use this novel to further study unfamiliar vocabulary, spelling and definitions. We display our vocabulary, spelling and definitions on our wonderful display board that Ruth Trinkle has designed for us.

Mrs Hannah Sripada

Premiers Reading Challenge 2023

This year the Foundation to Year 4 students entered the Premiers Reading Challenge. This challenge involves students reading at least 12 age-appropriate books or novels during terms 2 and 3. All students completed the challenge and received an award. Each year the award changes depending on how many challenges the student has completed. Well done students!

Mrs Hannah Sripada

SACSA Table Tennis

On Tuesday the 31st of October and Wednesday the 1st November, some of our budding table tennis players from grades 7-10 attended the SACSA Table Tennis competitions. Students performed well, showing some impressive skill and stamina!

Thank you to Mrs Middleton and Mr Hicks for accompanying our students and cheering them on from the sideline.

Girls 7/8 Team - 3rd
(Division 2)

Lois Fahner
Arielle Brosille

Suzelle Ziegelmann

Boys 7/8 Team - 4th
(Division 2)

William Millan
Lucas Trinkle

Anrea Balacco

Girls 9/10 Team - 2nd
(Division 2)

Kezia Ziegelmann
Suzelle Ziegelmann
Jessica Trinkle

Boys 9/10 Team - 2nd
(Division 2)

Benjamin Trinkle
Calvin Trinkle
Eric Fahner

El Shaddai Excursion

Thanks to the Government National Wellbeing Boost, the students and staff of MTCS attended the El Shaddai Christian camp on Tuesday the 17th of October. The students engaged in many activities that assisted with team building and trust. Activities included laser skermish, archery, a giant swing and climbing for the younger grades. Thank you to the staff at El Shaddai for hosting us as well as our valued MTCS Staff for accompanying the students.



El Shaddai Excursion







Year 7 - 8

Science

Students in years seven and eight have been investigating the effects of abiotic factors such as the use of fertiliser and the availability of sunlight and water on the growth of plants. As such, the science classroom has been even more of a jungle for the past three weeks, with students raising carrot, iceberg lettuce and cucumber seedlings. Students have shown an increased understanding of variables and have begun to show more confidence in writing practical reports. Well done year 7/8s.

Miss Hannah Trinkle



Sporting Schools

We have recently had a busy time in the Physical Education Department with learning programmes, competitions and visiting specialists. No doubt the children have informed you of all that has been happening and relayed their own involvement in the process.

Basketball and hockey have been taught to the Foundation to Year 10 students this semester due to our Sporting Schools Grants. Throughout the teaching blocks students have been exposed to various aspects of the games to allow them to experience their learning in a more meaningful manner.

Receiving Sporting Schools Grants to conduct basketball and hockey have been helpful in bringing professionals in to train our students. Following basketball coaching last term, we have now commenced with hockey. Our students are both quick learners and keen in competition. This enables them to maximise their learning opportunities. Most notable is the observation made by visiting coaches that our students are responsive to instructions and polite in their interactions. This is the highest commendation that our students can receive and is a credit to the families from which they come.

Mr Bruce Hicks



The Oscar W Steam Boat Excursion

It seems like much longer ago than just last week, but it was just last Thursday, when the whole senior school took some time out of their studies to take a trip on a steam boat down to the mouth of the Murray River. It proved a welcome and much needed change of scenery for the year 11 and 12 students in particular, who have been 'under the pump' to complete the assessment requirements of the SACE board.

The paddle steamer Oscar W was moored at the Goolwa wharf, waiting with engine steaming for our arrival. Today we would see a true relic of the Industrial Age in pristine working order as it was put to work doing what it was built to do, plying up and down the Murray River. The paddle boat was built in 1908, and in the past worked to bring wool bales from the interior up as far as Renmark, down to Victor Harbour and eventually to Europe. It played a significant role in putting Australia on the map, and establishing our economy. It was restored in 1988 and is now maintained as a working exhibit at Goolwa.

The day was a bit on the cool side, but that didn't stop us from being fascinated to see the steam engine in action, pistons and all. We soon discovered the warmest place to stand was near the vents where the warm air from the engine room blew out. We first travelled from the wharf down to the Goolwa Barrages, before turning around and going up river, under the Hindmarsh Island Bridge and up as far as the mouth to Currency Creek. By the time we had turned around and docked again, two hours had gone by, and we were ready to enjoy hot chips and chicken nuggets on the lawns beside the wharf. Timotei had the foresight to bring his fishing rod and there was just enough time to mess about trying to catch some of the carp we could see mouthing up at the surface, before heading home (but without a catch).

Miss Linda Allen

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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.



MTCS End of Year Service 2023

We extend a warm welcome to our MTCS families and friends for the 2023 End of Year Service.

This is an opportunity where we can recognise the students and their efforts throughout the year.

If you have any questions, please contact the School Office.

WHERE: Lobethal Christian Fellowship Church
17 Frick Street, Lobethal SA 5241

WHEN: Friday 8th December 2023
6:30pm - 8:30pm



2023 Term Dates

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



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