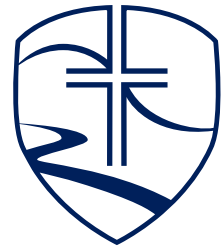


# NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 | WEEK 6 | 2023



**MT TORRENS  
CHRISTIAN**  
SCHOOL



## Term 4 Calendar

**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER** | Sporting Schools Hockey  
Training

**WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER** | Last Day of Term 4  
End of Year Excursion

F-4 Party at Ruth Trinkle's home, Years 5-12 at Bounce  
(Latitude)

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

## Term 1 2024 Calendar

**27TH FEBRUARY** | NAPLAN Coordinated Practice Test

**13TH - 15TH MARCH** | NAPLAN Testing Years 3, 5, 7

**18TH - 25TH MARCH** | NAPLAN Catchup Testing

## 2024 Term Dates

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

## From the Principal

As this year is drawing to a close, it has been encouraging to see the ongoing application and enthusiasm of students. With most of the extra-curricular events now completed we trust students will make good use of these final days of solid learning to finish well. There are times in all our lives that call for endurance. This is especially important when facing temptation or difficulties. The writer to the Hebrews encourages us to look to Jesus in such situations who not only endured great hostility himself, but also empowers us to do the same, being both the author and finisher of our faith. Taking our focus off the difficulties and opposition and onto Jesus is what can make all the difference. This morning in our staff devotions we read from Psalm 123, which has a similar message:

Unto You I lift up my eyes,

O You who dwell in the heavens.

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,

As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

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## From the Principal

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So our eyes look to the Lord our God,  
Until He has mercy on us.

Blessings

Mr Matthew Trinkle

## RAA Visit

On Monday, 20th November, the School was visited by members of the Road Safety Department of the RAA. Students in F-6 were given interactive presentations on seat-belt wearing, booster seats, crossing roads at pedestrian and train crossings, and wearing helmets when playing on any device with wheels.

Gifts and booklets were given to the students to help them remember the points of the presentation. We thank Libby and David for their kindness and empathy in presenting this clear message to students.

A friendly reminder to parents that it is law to provide a seat-belt for each passenger in a car.

It is also law, that children under 7 years of age must be provided with a suitable booster seat while wearing a seat-belt.

Mrs Jane Everett

Here is what some of the students had to say:

"The RAA visit taught me lots of new rules. I learnt lots of new things." - Isaac Trinkle, Year 6

"The lady from RAA was nice and she gave us a velcro band and a booklet." - Yozef Ziegelmann, Year 4

"We learnt how to be safe around the roads." - Joel Brosille, Year 4

## German with Mrs Middleton

In German this term, the year 2-4 class has been participating in science experiments carried out in German. The science reports we follow are written all in German and the students report their findings using German. This is a creative and engaging way to incorporate real-world understandings and learning into language learning. This term, students are learning about the names of parts of the body and the five senses. Last week for our experiment we filled up three tubs with water: one warm, one hot and one cold. One student put their hands in the cold water while another student put their hands in the hot water. They left them there for one minute. After this time, they then put one hand into the warm water. We noticed that the student whose hands were in the cold water thought the warm water was warm, but the student who had their hands in the hot water found the warm water to feel cold. We used language such as Hand, Fuhlen, Warm, Heiss, Kalt. We have also been playing games online with German vocabulary for body parts, such as Hand, Kopf, Bein and Arm. We noticed that some words in German are spelled the same as the English word but pronounced slightly differently.

Mrs Sarah Middleton

## Year 2/3/4 Geography

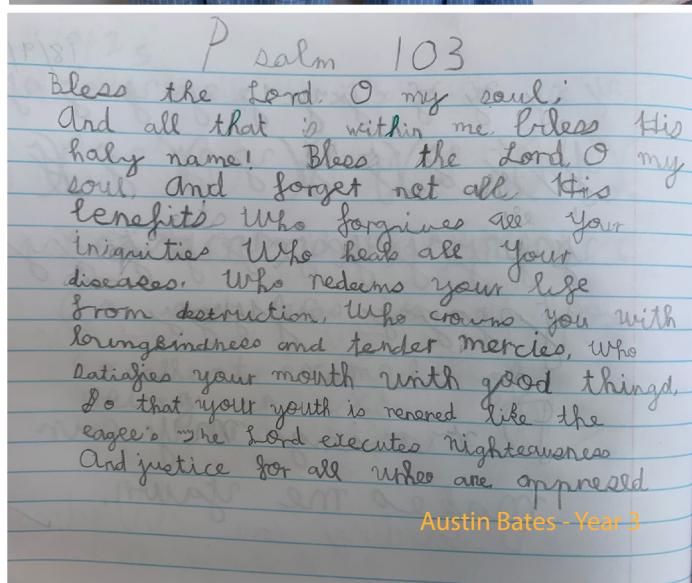
In Geography this term the year 2/3/4 class has been learning about sustainability and caring for our world. As part of this unit the students decided to use their own initiative to spend the afternoon walking around our own community collecting rubbish. Students collected 4 bags of rubbish from around Mount Torrens. Well done students!

Mrs Hannah Sripada

## Year 2/3/4 Handwriting

In Handwriting this year, the year 2-4 class have been learning how to write cursive. We learned carefully how to write each lower case and capital letter, learning one new letter every week. This term, we have put together all we have learned and are now attempting to write the whole of Psalm 103 in our books. Here are some photos of some work so far.

Mrs Sarah Middleton



Austin Bates - Year 3



## The MTCS Soccer Challenge Cup 2023

It was the ides of November, a perfect day,  
For the boys of McKenzie & Chambers to play.  
The annual soccer challenge was on the line,  
With the spoils for the victor, a cup to shine.  
The coin was tossed, the teams positioned & ready,  
The atmosphere was tense, the expectation was heady.

Who would claim bragging rights, in twenty  
twenty-three?

The answer would be known, by ten to three.

For the first fifteen minutes no goals were scored,  
The assembled crowd were getting restless &  
bored.

Then all of a sudden, team-McKenzie gained the  
ball,

With Zach leading the charge, his team answered  
the call.

Stampeding forward, Zach had the goals in sight  
Ahead was only Andre, trembling, as well he might.

As the goalie, he was the last part of Chamber's  
defense,

The closer Zach came, the more he became tense.

Zach let fly a shot that fizzed through the air,

There was little Andre could do, as the ball parted  
thro' his hair.

McKenziee was now ahead, with one goal up.

Would this be the year, for them to win the cup?

As Chambers took the kick-off, they were set to  
even the score,

But only one minute later, Eric gave McKenzie one  
more.

How could this second goal have come so quick?

It was Eric's skill & finesse that were just too slick.

But worse was to follow, in the next minute of the  
game,

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As Benji slotted number 3, and the score card recorded his name.

At this point the spectators were stunned and in disbelief.

While the Chamber's team looked heavenward, searching for relief.

Relief would come, with half-time 3 minutes away; Surely there'd be no more goals, in this further time for play.

But no, alas, there was to be more,

With Zach who was playing well, adding 2 more to the score.

The Chambers team was now 5-nil down,

They needed a miracle to turn things around.

William went in goal and Andre into the field of play.

With these new positions, would they be able to save the day.

The 2nd half started well for Chambers, as their players pushed hard,

A goal from Andre was rewarded, with his name put on the score-card.

This one goal back for Chambers, soon promised them much more,

But Timotei's heroic saves for McKenzie, limited further score.

Eventually the ball evaded Timotei's reach, as Andre added to his goal spree,

Then an own goal from McKenzie, meant the score was now 5 goals to three.

However, just when it seemed Chambers had begun an overcoming trend;

Eric gained control of the play, to bring their ascendancy to an abrupt end.

Three 2nd half goals from Eric, gave McKenzie a total of eight;

Though Calvin slotting one for Chambers, it couldn't change their fate.

The cup belonged to McKenzie, for twenty twenty-three,



So, what could be said about the performances on the day?

Certainly, Zach and Eric's goal scoring gave them plenty of the play.

But for composure under pressure and an influence for all to see,

The best performer for the 2nd year, was surely the referee.

They were worthy winners, everyone seemed to agree.

Dr George Sears





## 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 to 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

## Great Fete Colouring Competition

Congratulations to Ahana Sripada in Year 2 for winning 1st place in the colouring competition held by Birdwood United Church for the Great Fete last weekend. She won some colouring prizes for her great efforts.

Mrs Sarah Middleton



## Lobethal Christian Fellowship Church Welcomes You

The 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.

### Christmas Celebrations

10th December 7pm | Carols in The Valley  
Lobethal Lutheran Church

16th and 23rd December 8:50pm | Living Nativity  
Lobethal Lutheran Church outside area

24th December 10:30am | Christmas Eve Service  
Lobethal Christian Fellowship Church

25th December 10:30am | Christmas Day Service  
Lobethal Christian Fellowship Church



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