

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 | WEEK 5 | 2024



**MT TORRENS  
CHRISTIAN**  
SCHOOL



## Term 1 Calendar

- 12TH - 13TH MARCH | El Shaddai Camp Years 7 - 12
- 13TH - 15TH MARCH | NAPLAN Testing Years 3, 5, 7, 9
- 18TH - 25TH MARCH | NAPLAN Catchup Testing
- 27TH MARCH | 2024 Sports Day
- 28TH MARCH | Easter Egg Hunt (Years F-6)
- 3RD APRIL | SAPSASA Sports Carnival
- 9TH APRIL | Rebekha Sharkie MP Visit 10am-10:30am
- 10TH APRIL | F-2 Class Excursion to Gorge Wildlife Park

## 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

## From the Principal

Reflecting on the term so far, I am thankful for the many blessings God has enabled us to experience both in the life of the school and student body. The progress made by individual students both academically and spiritually is always very heartening and exciting. We have also been blessed by how the new students have integrated into our school community and the contribution they are making to their respective classes. Finally, the initial swimming lessons for the primary school students were well received and enjoyed by those involved and are likely to become an annual event. We are looking forward to the senior camp in week 8 and trust it will be a special time in which students can grow in their relationship with each other and the Lord. As we approach the middle of the Term, I have been encouraged by Galatians 6:9 "let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart". It can take a while for a seed to grow and produce fruit and we also at times may need to persevere before seeing results. As we continue to navigate this Term, let us value each day, being excited by the opportunities to be of service to God and those around us.

Mr Matthew Trinkle



## F/1/2 Class

The F/1/2 class offered Ava a warm welcome as she joined the class. A big thankyou goes to the students from other classes who have welcomed her, introduced themselves, and played with her at break time.

A warm welcome is extended to her parents, Adam and Addy, and her brother, Josh.

Please say hello to our new family when you see them in the school grounds.



## Term 1 Scripture Memorisation

As many of you know, this Term's Scripture Memorisation is from the Book of John, Chapter 3 verses 13 to 16.

"No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

The Foundation to Year 4 classes join with Mrs Ruth Trinkle on Wednesday and Friday mornings for a devotional and scripture memorisation.

The students are progressing well with learning the scripture off by heart, even practicing citing it with eyes shut! Mrs Trinkle has taught the students actions to go along with the words, which works a treat for efficient memorisation. Keep a watchful eye in Monday assemblies for some surprise recitings.

Well done to the older students who have also recited our Term 1 scripture already, as we close off Week 5. We look forward to witnessing our students go deeper into the Scriptures.



## Art with Mrs Trinkle

### This week in Art with Mrs Trinkle...

Instead of starting with a blank canvas we started with a charcoal covered grey canvas and used bluetac to blot out anything which did not belong to the picture to make our own masterpieces.

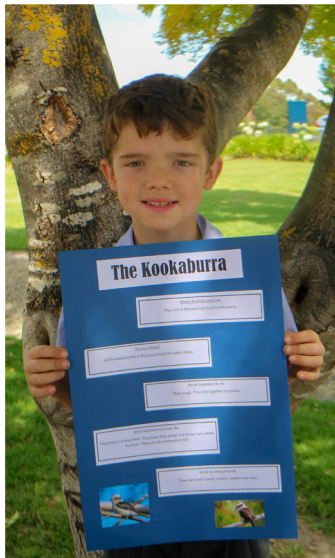
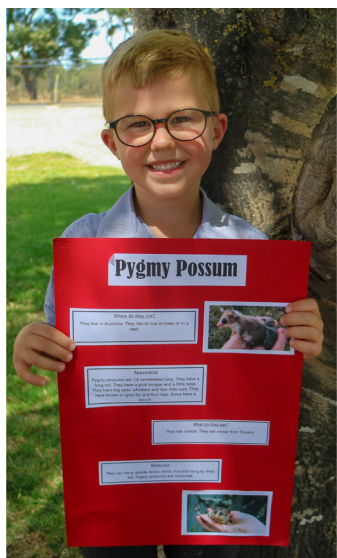
Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience looking like chimney sweeps upon completion. But don't worry we hosed off the chairs, dusted off the uniforms and washed our faces afterwards.



## Playground (shade) in Progress!

Last week the playground area was under construction with the first stage of our shade sail installation. Over two days holes were dug, posts were placed in and concreted to position. In about two weeks the sails will arrive and be attached, completing the process of a shaded playground. A State Capital Grant we received has allowed us to make this improvement to our school. We thank God for His provision in this and His constant supply.



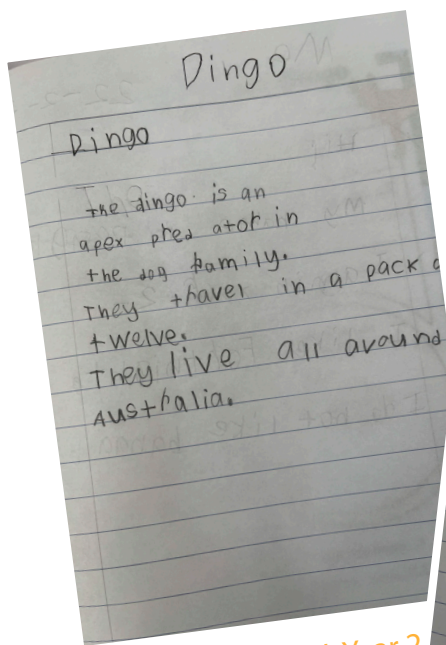


## F/1/2 Science with Mrs Sklenar

The Year 1 and 2 students researched an Australian animal of choice and put their information on a poster. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Australian animals and habitats in preparation for our excursion to the Gorge Wildlife Park in week 11.

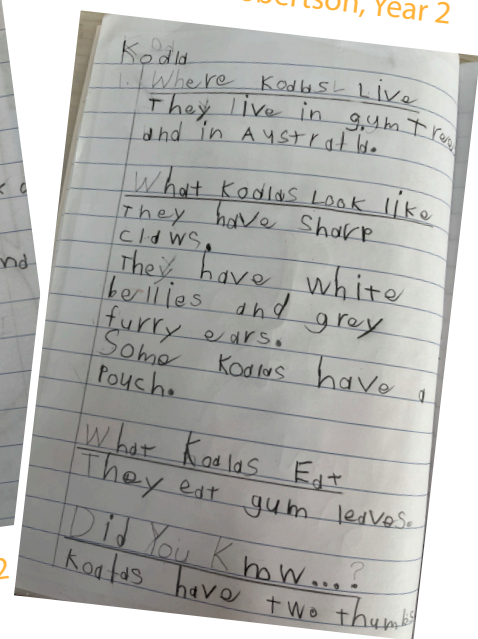
See some of the students book work in preparation for their posters!

Mrs Tiffany Sklenar



Douglas Schrapel, Year 2

Thomas Robertson, Year 2



## SAPSASA Swimming Carnival

On Thursday the 29th of February, a group of MTCS up and coming swimmers attended the Hills SAPSASA Swimming Carnival in Mount Barker. Indy Sklenar, Aiden Grills and Jonah Neumuller from the Year 5-6 class were selected to participate in freestyle races. These students showed strong skills in our recent swimming and water safety lessons and mirrored these skills in the carnival. Indy placed 3rd, Jonah placed 2nd and Aiden placed 5th in their heats.

Thank you to Mr Ruediger for his support and accompanying the students on the day.

## Year 5-8 German with Mrs Middleton

The Year 5-8 students who are taking German this year have started their year by learning about greetings and introductions in German. They are using the online platform Education Perfect to learn and practice writing, reading, speaking, and grammar. As well as this they have been tasked with an assignment called "Making Friends". In this assignment, students are given the opportunity to participate in a variety of text styles to write, read, and speak their German language. The text types include a slide presentation all about themselves, which they will deliver to their classmates; a letter to a pen pal introducing themselves and asking questions of the reader; and a role-play conversation between two people meeting for the first time. The students also learned about the differences in culture between German and Australian people interacting and meeting and the types of language that is used. In our lessons, students are also playing inside games and fitness games to consolidate vocabulary; as well as using German to interact in the classroom.

Mrs Sarah Middleton

## Year 5 - 6 Design & Tech with Mr Hicks

The Year 5-6 Design and Technology class is currently studying vegetable growing. This involves preparing the soil by digging in a good layer of manure and breaking up the soil to ensure a suitable seed bed.

Having done this satisfactorily, seeds and seedlings have been planted.

Students have already learnt that not all goes well in agriculture and that there is a continuous battle with the elements. So far most seedlings have survived except for those that were pulled out by magpies. Fortunately we were able to replant these. The recent bouts of hot weather have been challenging. The students are quickly learning that young plants have a need for water and to be kept moist.





## Reminders

### School Camp

Students in Years 7-12 will be attending the El Shaddai Christian Camp from the 12th - 13th of March. Information and Excursion Forms have been posted to Audiri and medical forms have been sent home. Please be reminded for Excursion Forms to be completed, and Medical Forms to be returned to the Office only if your child has dietary requirements or a medical condition.

### School Assmeblies

Each Monday we hold a Whole School Assembly at 9am. During the assembly we hear from our Principal Mr Matthew Trinkle, recite scripture, watch musical performances from students and families, hear a devotion and more. We extend a warm welcome to parents and friends to attend.

### Uniforms

Please be reminded of our uniform standards, including boys shirts tucked in and hats worn at recess and lunch. Term 2 will be the start of Winter Uniforms. Please contact Esther Ziegelmann if you require any uniforms in anticipation of this.



## 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. Please join us for a delicious meal on the first Sunday of every month.

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