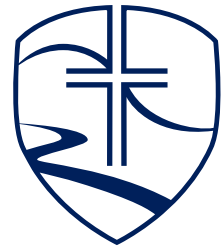


NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 | WEEK 8 | 2024



**MT TORRENS
CHRISTIAN**
SCHOOL



Term 1 Calendar

- 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 - Gorge Wildlife Park

Term 2 Calendar

- 2ND MAY | SACSA Sports Day
- 15TH MAY | Year 7 & 10 Immunisations

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

The highlight of the last few weeks has been the camp for the senior students at El-Shaddai. The students thoroughly enjoyed their time there and got on well together. Thanks especially to Mark and Esther Ziegelmann for giving up their time to be part of the camp, organising activities and sharing from God's word. After taking some time to settle back into school last week, possibly partly due to a lack of sleep, the students have adapted back to normal school routines and lessons this week. We are looking forward to the twilight sports day on Wednesday 27th February next week and warmly invite parents and the wider school community to be part of the day and support the students. A barbeque dinner will be provided after the events.

As we go into Easter we are again reminded of the depths of the love of God and our own sinfulness as we consider the sacrifice that Jesus made willingly in our place. A sacrifice that people either reject, ignore or thankfully receive. Our response to Jesus and what he has done for us is what determines our eternal destiny.

Blessings

Mr Matthew Trinkle

SCHOOL NEWS



Mrs Sripada's Science

In Science this term we are learning about Life Cycles of plants and animals. As part of our unit we are conducting an experiment watching and recording beans grow in the classroom, and documenting all the stages of the bean life cycle. In line with this we are also designing a new animal and creating all the stages of it in Design Technology.

Mrs Hannah Sripada



Mr Hicks' Design & Technology

In preparation for the Bridge Building Challenge this year, the 7/8 students have been looking at the design of bridges in great detail. They were introduced to famous bridges across the world, the 5 main types of bridges and discussed at length the merit and use of each design.

Having done that, students then went on to a web site where they could construct and test bridge designs in a bid to come up with the strongest structure possible. This exercise also taught them to understand the concepts of tension and compression on each strut used in any bridge design.

As is evident in the photographs, students, having designed their bridge electronically, are now using balsa wood and hot glue to construct their bridges. These will be tested for endurance on the school's bridge tester. We look forward to test day and then progressing to the competition!

Mr Bruce Hicks



Music Spot

During our Monday morning Whole School Assemblies, we are treated to music performances by students. Sometimes we even have parents, friends and up and coming students perform also. Thank you to all who participate in this and utilising our God given talents. It is a real encouragement to all who watch on.

Marco Guzman

Sport

In anticipation of our annual Sports Day, students have started training for events in their Sports lessons. Mrs Sarah Middleton has begun relay practices with the junior students, where they can practice passing the baton smoothly and efficiently. The High Jump mats and poles have been dusted off and brought out for students to gauge their jumping heights. Mr Hicks has taken the middle and senior school students out to the oval to practice their javelin throwing, and all students are becoming more and more excited for the big day on Wednesday. We hope to see you all there.



Miss' Science

Year sevens have this week begun learning about how variables are changed, measured, and controlled in fair tests. Students have become quite good at identifying independent variables and controlled variables in a variety of experimental situations. Over the past week they have conducted various tests, including an unfair test of who the best long jumper in the class is, a test of the density of a variety of liquids and a test of how increasing the amount of bicarb soda added to vinegar affects how much gas is produced. Students also watched a couple MythBusters videos and discussed the variables that were changed, measured, and controlled in each video. In the weeks to come, they will begin writing their first ever practical reports!



Miss Hannah Trinkle



MTCS Year 7-12 School Camp

Our first ever school camp took place in week seven at El Shaddai campgrounds in Wellington. It's fair to say that the camp was a huge success, enjoyed by teachers, parents and students alike!

For those who are interested, I have chronicled some of the amusing and unfortunate events that took place. There is also video evidence available from the front office if you would prefer.

Upon arriving at camp, we soon realised that the scrumptious lunch we had anticipated would not be provided. Fortunately, Mr Trinkle was at that time enjoying a leisurely lunch at a nondescript Murray Bridge café and was able, at the drop of a hat, to source four bags of some of the best schnitzel wraps and chips we had ever tasted.

The year 8-12 boys were the first group selected to build rafts. One of the rafts (team uncle Mark) was more successful than the other, which unfortunately didn't make it to the middle of the river and had to be winched back to shore. Meanwhile, the year 7 boys and all five girls had gone canoing off into the distance without too many hiccups, aside from Suzelle and Arielle taking a while to figure out why their boat was going in the wrong direction. The camp leaders were impressed, both with the students' behaviour and with their engineering capability, commenting on how quickly the activities were able to be completed; well done students!

After that, it was back to camp for archery, rock-climbing, and free time. During free time students entertained themselves and their supervisors by playing tennis and ga ga ball. Mr Hicks' and Miss Madeleine's ga-ga ball skills were a sight to behold. Benjamin starred in the egg and spoon races, which were a great exercise in handling frustration, and, well, we



won't talk about the 3-legged races. They're best not remembered!

In the evening, Mr Ziegelmann lead us in a quiz (Andrea ;) and then a devotion in the topic of childlikeness, responsibility, and maturity. When devotions finished, there was no way that anyone was going to bed, so we all headed outside, with some students running laps of the oval, others tearing around in the rec hall and still more running a beep test. Eventually everyone headed back to their dorms and settled in for the night without too many disturbances, bar a few disturbing encounters between on duty teachers and any students who had filtered out of their dorms.

The biggest event of the following morning involved the camp kitchen staff using a crowbar (after the spatula broke) to jimmy Miss Madeleine's frozen T-shirts out of the freezing compartment in the bar fridge. Unfortunately, the unique molecular arrangement of water which causes its expansion when cooled, rather than its contraction, had either escaped her memory or been ignored. Whichever of the two it was, the event made for quite some comical scenes that morning. And however comical those scenes were, they were no where near as amusing as watching students frantically bash blocks of ice on the concrete and rub them on the grass in order to extract the t-shirts encapsulated within them. Well done to the hyperactive year seven/ eight boys group for their victory in that challenge!

The climax, of course, was the two-hour laser tag war which had Mr Ziegelmann seated on the floor, maneuvering himself around in a peculiar manner through the red dust to get 'the shot,' Mr Hicks deep inside a dense bush pinging students off one by one, and a few of the students extremely frustrated when they realised that the teacher gun had unlimited lives! Ben looked the part in his balaclava and headband – a true ninja if their ever was one.

All in all, students had a fantastic time and got to know each other that little bit better. Looking forward to future camps together, Lord willing.



MTCS Year 7-12 School Camp







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.



Hot Food Day

On Wednesday the 20th of March, we were treated with a Hot Food Lunch. Students enjoyed a delicious sausage sizzle cooked on our trusty barbeque by parents and friends, Tatiana Neumuller and Lilianna Skozcek. We thank God for His constant provision, even in this.

1 Corinthians 10:31

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”



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