

# School Days

2023



# From the Principal



**As I write my first edition of School Days, I remain incredibly grateful for the warm welcome to the College community that I have received. Holy Trinity Lutheran College (HTLC) has an incredibly special community, and it is my prayer that all new families within our community have also already experienced the rich and diverse relationships. I am really excited about leading a school which is all built on relationships.**

We have had a wonderful beginning to 2023 which included a fantastic HTLC Fair thanks to our Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA); the launch of the Cornerstone Café, our coffee shop open to all the community between 7.00am and 9.00am; the first Central Australia Tour; and the incredible Alice in Wonderland Musical, just to name a few highlights.

The year has gone exceptionally quick for our Year 12 students who are currently finalising Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) assessments and preparing for their final exams and graduation. Soon, our Year 6s will transition into the Middle School and our Year 9s into the Senior School. We can find ourselves wondering at times where the time went, but when we look back, we can see God has been at work, through both the times of joy but also the times of challenge. I am incredibly proud of each and every student in our community who does their very best to become the best version of themselves.

In Galatians 5:13, the Apostle Paul writes, “You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love”. At HTLC, our mission has always been to provide a holistic education rooted in Christian values. We believe that education is about nurturing the hearts and minds of our students. It is here that we strive to create an inclusive and supportive environment that encourages personal growth and a sense of belonging. The words of Paul the Apostle serve as a beautiful reminder of our shared responsibility to support and uplift one another. As members of our College community, we are called to embrace the freedom of choice and the privilege of education with a humble spirit of service and love. In doing so, we create an environment where each individual can flourish and reach their full potential.

As we progress through the remainder of 2023, I encourage each and every one of you to actively engage in the various opportunities available within our College community. In doing so, we develop a stronger understanding of our shared values and the richness of being a part of a strong community. Of course, this welcome is always extended to our Alumni also, who still have a special place in our College Community.

I congratulate all students, parents, staff and the wider community on an excellent start to 2023. I pray that the remainder of the year would be just as fulfilling.

Yours in Christ's service

**Mr James Phillips**

**College Principal**

## Alumni

Are you a graduate of our College? We invite you to join our alumni mailing list. Email [alumni@htlc.vic.edu.au](mailto:alumni@htlc.vic.edu.au) with your name and graduating year to join the list and be kept up-to-date with information about future events and happenings.

# A New Season

## A big welcome to all new staff



Mr Adam Borgas



Mrs Corriena Rose



Ms Cassandra Dalgleish



Ms Britt Keller



Mr Murray McKenzie



Mr James Phillips



Miss Pope Keeley



Ms Judith Rees

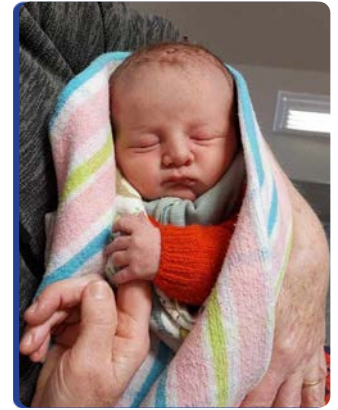


Mrs Myrna Allan

## Births!



Congratulations to Ms Ugyen Wangmo and Mr Deepak Rai on the arrival of their daughter Michewah Yidam Rai, born on 23 May, 2023.



Congratulations to Mrs Elsbeth Schneider and Michael, who welcomed son Percival Stanley Schneider on 22 August, 2023.



Congratulations to Mrs Liz Hewitt and Tom on the arrival of their son Henry Thomas Hewitt, born on 14 March, 2023.

## Snaps from the Year



# Life at HTLC

At Holy Trinity, students are provided with pathways to grow and develop their leadership skills, and embody the College's values of achievement, creativity, respect, responsibility, diversity and acceptance.

But students don't need to have a badge on their chest to be a leader. All students are encouraged to lead by example, with service to others, teamwork, taking initiative and developing responsibility emphasised. Congratulations to all of our student leaders! We wish them all the best as they fulfil their leadership positions this year.



## College Captains

Jessica Daniell and Silvie Hahn  
Vice-captains: Zoa Mock and Leah Eilola  
Leadership team advisor: Wil Tippet



## Middle School Captains

Evan Hahn and Chloe Altmann  
Vice-captains: Jarhyn McGrath and Abbey O'Connor



## Junior School Captains

Jemma Hoffmann, Jack Arnott, Hylton Penfold  
and Stella Moore



## Middle School Ambassadors

Bailey Dridan, Georgia Foster, Jesse Jolley  
and Charlotte Matuschka

## Secondary House Captains



**Wimmera:** Wil Tippet and Leah Eilola

**Mallee:** Silvie Hahn and Hannah Borlase

**Lowan:** Lars Simmons, Ellie Heard and Ruby Simpson

## Junior School House Captains



**Wimmera:** Arkie Mackley, Yasassri Sumanapala, Jenna Lockhart and Imani Bake

**Mallee:** Lenny Carter, Riley Bish, Charlotte Doyle and Matilda Smith

**Lowan:** Zachary O'Connor, Hudson Ryan, Poppy White and Ameika Engert

# Life at HTLC

At the end of the 2022 school year during our closing services, we congratulated the following students on their academic success and service contributions to our community.

## Junior School Awards

	Academic Award	Service Award	Endeavour Award
<b>Year 3</b>	Alex Norris	Lachlan Dunn	Evie Kalms, Layla King
<b>Year 4</b>	Elsa Drendel	Audrey Jochinke	Sienna Nitschke, Nixon Beattie, Halle Shurdington
<b>Year 5</b>	Naga Alemayehu	Matilda Smith	Annabelle Walker, Zachary O'Connor
<b>Year 6</b>	Soren Foster	Maya Przibilla	Bailey Dridan, Georgia Foster, Jana van Heerden
<b>Chinese Award</b>	Hannah Gabbe		
<b>Sports Award</b>	Ellua Boyd		
<b>Performing Arts Award</b>	Serena Johns		
<b>Technology Award</b>	Scarlett Nuttall		
<b>Visual Arts Award</b>	Sofia Barlow-McCallum		
<b>Head of Junior School Award</b>	Frazer Shurdington		

## Middle & Senior School Awards

English	
Year 7	Emma Streeter
Year 8	Blessing Di Biase
Year 9	Samuel Hahn
Year 10	Rebekah Wundke
Health	
Year 7	Jack Kelly
Year 8	Blessing Di Biase
Year 9	Regan Bell
Year 10	Cameron Brito-Mutunayagam
Humanities	
Year 7	Rachel Reichelt
Year 8	Blessing Di Biase
Year 9	Chloe Bolwell
Year 10	Rebekah Wundke
Mathematics	
Year 7	Rachel Reichelt
Year 8	Eva Drendel
Year 9	Samuel Hahn
Year 10	Cameron Brito-Mutunayagam
Performing Arts	
Year 7	Orlando Heal
Year 8	Evan Hahn
Year 9	Samuel Hahn
Physical Education	
Year 7	Emma Streeter
Year 8	Eva Drendel
Year 9	Regan Bell
Year 10	Rebekah Wundke
Science	
Year 7	Rachel Reichelt
Year 8	Blessing Di Biase
Year 9	Jacob Rudolph
Year 10	Rebekah Wundke
Visual Arts	
Year 7	Emily Baker
Year 8	Lyla Sachse
Year 9	Natalie Cheah
Year 10	Nessa Dickinson

Design Technologies	
Year 10	Nessa Dickinson
Sport	
Middle School	Tom Urquhart, Ellita Scollary
Senior School	Jacob Matuschka, Sophie Pietsch
Biology (VCE)	
Academic Excellence	Breanna Hawken
Business Management (VCE)	
Academic Excellence	Cher-Leah Williams
Chemistry (VCE)	
Academic Excellence	Leah Eilola
English (VCE)	
Academic Excellence	Angela Rudolph
Food Studies (VCE)	
Academic Merit	Hannah Borlase
Applied Computing (VCE)	
Academic Excellence	Caleb Di Biase
Environmental Science (VCE)	
Academic Excellence	Hannah Borlase
General Maths (VCE)	
Academic Excellence	Jessica Daniell
Health and Human Development (VCE)	
Academic Excellence	Rebekah Wundke
Legal Studies (VCE)	
Academic Excellence	Leah Eilola
Maths Methods (VCE)	
Academic Excellence	Caleb Di Biase
Media (VCE)	
Academic Excellence	Haidyn Young
Outdoor and Environmental Studies (VCE)	
Academic Excellence	Breanna Hawken
Academic Merit	Angela Rudolph, Henry Kinsman
Physical Education (VCE)	
Academic Excellence	Bethany Breuer
Physics (VCE)	
Academic Excellence	Caleb Di Biase
Psychology (VCE)	
Academic Excellence	Sophie Pietsch
Visual Communication (VCE)	
Academic Excellence	Hannah Borlase
VCAL	
Academic Excellence	Darcy Polack (Foundation VCAL) Olivia McFarlane (Intermediate VCAL)
VCE Award (Dux)	
	Ryan Brito-Mutunayagam and Ryan Pfitzner
VCAL Award (Dux)	
	Zac Duffy
2022 Proxime Accessit	
	Joshua Wundke
Head of Middle School	
	James Pfitzner
Head of Senior School	
	Ryan Pfitzner
Len Graetz Service Award	
	Steph Wundke
Ampol Best All Rounder	
	Madalyn Toet
Mallee Excellence	
	Emily Clarke
Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN Applied Learning and VETiS Excellence	
	Matthew Ellis, Henry Kinsman, Olivia McFarlane
Spirit of Holy Trinity	
<b>Year 7</b>	Georgie Schilling, Toby Uebergang
<b>Year 8</b>	Lyla Sachse, Cadel Hawken
<b>Year 9</b>	Jude Borlase, Sam Hahn, Swathi Sunilkumar
<b>Year 10</b>	Sophie Pietsch, Nessa Dickinson, Olivia Heard
<b>Year 11</b>	Cher-Leah Williams, Angela Rudolph

# Sport News

**Holy Trinity Lutheran College started the school year off with a bang, with three major sporting events. Swimming, athletics and cross-country carnivals gave students the chance to compete for points for their houses while also enjoying a supportive and encouraging sporting environment.**

From these events, students can go on to represent the College through the year at regional, division and state levels. Meanwhile, students have also tested their abilities at other sports, including volleyball, basketball, football, netball and others.



## *Aerobics*

It's been another successful year for our Energetix team! The athletes claimed second place at the Schoolaerobics national competition in Adelaide in August after success at regional and statewide competitions earlier in the year. The girls trained hard in the lead-up to the events to ensure they were ready for competition. They were judged on strength, ability to work together as a team, fitness and compulsory aerobic moves. Together they showed immense passion for the sport, and their work ethic and sportsmanship were exemplary. Congratulations girls!

## *Human Powered Vehicles*

HTLC's pedal prix teams have once again scooped up success in the first four rounds of this year's Australian Human Powered Vehicle Super Series!

In Term 1, round one in Mount Gambier saw four category winners - Junior School Boys (Thunder), Junior School Girls (Hurricane), Middle School Girls (Avalanche) and Senior School Mixed (Vortex) - along with some individual success.

In Term 2, the teams headed to Tailem Bend for round two where they outraced threatening weather in time for the Middle School Girls (Avalanche) and Junior School Girls (Hurricane) teams to claim victory. Round three included only the Years 5 and 6 students in a six-hour event at Adelaide, where the Junior School Girls team won the all-female sub-category.

Finally, all teams returned to Tailem Bend in Term 3 for a fast and frantic eight-hour competition for round four. There, the Junior School Girls (Hurricane) finished first, while Middle School Girls (Avalanche) and the Senior School Mixed (Vortex) teams claimed third in their respective categories. The Middle School Boys team (Firestorm) was the best-placed student trike overall.

The 24-hour season finale in Murray Bridge will take place on 15-17 September. Well done to all involved!



# Life at HTLC

## Carnival Results

Swimming	Athletics	Cross-Country
Primary	Primary	Primary
<b>1 - Lowan</b>	<b>1 - Mallee</b>	<b>1 - Wimmera</b>
<b>2 - Wimmera</b>	<b>2 - Lowan</b>	<b>2 - Mallee</b>
<b>3 - Mallee</b>	<b>3 - Wimmera</b>	<b>3 - Lowan</b>
Secondary	Secondary	Secondary
<b>1 - Wimmera</b>	<b>1 - Lowan</b>	<b>1 - Mallee</b>
<b>2 - Lowan</b>	<b>2 - Wimmera</b>	<b>2 - Lowan</b>
<b>3 - Mallee</b>	<b>3 - Mallee</b>	<b>3 - Wimmera</b>



## RoboCup

In June, the Multi-Purpose Centre became the site of complex rescue missions and high-stakes soccer games with a twist: all the participants were robots. HTLC students and students from other schools competed in the RoboCup Junior Victoria Horsham Regional event with their robotic creations. Robots were made to play soccer or rescue tin cans, with HTLC students winning every division. The fun-filled event helps to build STEM skills, teamwork, cooperation, organisational skills and other important attributes.

## Central Australia Tour

While winter chilled Victoria, 42 HTLC students, five staff and two parent helpers headed towards the sunshine with a 10-day excursion to Central Australia. The culturally enlightening experience took the group to iconic places such as Uluru, Alice Springs and Coober Pedy. The scenery was spectacular and there were many opportunities for cultural learning to take place through both organised activities and unplanned interactions. The adventure expanded students' comfort zones and gave them a greater understanding of life in Central Australia.



# Life at HTLC

## HTLC Fair

Floods might have postponed the 2022 Spring Fair, but it was all sunshine when the rebranded HTLC Fair came to life in February this year! The Holy Trinity Lutheran College Parents, Teachers and Friends Association-run event drew a large crowd from the school community and beyond. Activities included rides, go-karts, a water course, games, and food and drinks.



## Alice In Wonderland

In July, HTLC invited the wider community down the rabbit hole when Senior School students performed its take on the musical Alice in Wonderland. Cast members delighted in embracing their characters and crew members worked hard off-stage to help create the magic on-stage. The production - HTLC's first at the Horsham Town Hall - drew large audiences each night who gave standing ovations to a much-deserving cast. Congratulations to all our budding stars and to everyone who helped make Alice in Wonderland a success!



## Playgroup

Holy Trinity Lutheran College has launched its own playgroup! The HTLC Preschool Playgroup meets weekly during term time, from 9.00am until 10.00am on Thursdays.

The playgroup converges in the College Library and is for children from birth to five years old. Caregivers are required to stay during each session.

We aim to:

- help children thrive in their early years
- help caregivers connect with one another
- strengthen our HTLC community

