

tatachilla NEWS



Term 4 Week 2 | Thursday 27 October 2022

from the **PRINCIPAL**



We warmly welcome all families back to the College in Term 4.

STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to all students who showcased their short film creation talents at the recent Tatfest Film Festival. The event was inspired and hosted by teacher Trent Heaft. The range and depth of movies (and photo advertisements) encompassed themes including identity, marketing, game addiction, abuse, and a celebration of youth.

Our Reception students are currently engaged in water safety lessons. Seeing the pleasure on their faces as their instructors lead them in their lessons has been an absolute joy—thank you to our Reception teachers and support staff who continue to inspire and educate our youngest students.

We also extend our best wishes to the Year 10 Outdoor Education students and Year 3 students who were on camp this week.

SACE exams commence on November 7, and we extend our blessings to all students undertaking exams or completing work.

STAFF NEWS

A special welcome to all new students and the following new staff:

- **Wayne Coventry**, Property Services
- **Kim Clayton**, History/English Teacher
- **Isabelle Linde**, Science Teacher
- **Emily Kay**, pre-service teacher Weeks 1-5
- **Alison Snel**, Marketing Consultant

We are sad to farewell staff member Cassandra Domingo in Term 4. Cassandra leaves the College after 15 years of distinguished service, teaching Humanities on the Senior Campus. Cassandra taught English and History to Year 12 with a deep love of the subject and even more profound respect and love for her students. When I visited Cassandra's classes, I admired how she was able to captivate students and engage them in deep thinking to learn lessons from history and experience the beauty of literature. We wish Cassandra every blessing into the future and will deeply miss her presence and work at the College.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thank you to all parents and friends who attended the Encounter Youth Drug and Alcohol Parent Seminar held at the College on October 20. Encounter Youth is the largest provider of school alcohol and other drug education to South Australian secondary students. Their programs aim to reduce and prevent alcohol and other drug-related harm among young people.

During the Term break, the College was saddened to hear of the passing of Theo Kadis, husband of Gina Kadis (2021 Head of Senior Years). The College Board and community forwarded our love and condolences to Gina on behalf of the College community.



Tatachilla Lutheran College acknowledges that this school is built on the Traditional Country of the Kaurna People. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs, and relationship with the Land. The Land remains as always; a place of education, peace, care and nurture.

from the **PRINCIPAL**

CONCLUSION

This week I was contacted by the wife of a student I taught 20 years ago who is celebrating a milestone birthday and wanted a message from his former teacher. I was so touched by this simple gesture of recognition of the importance of teachers.

On October 28, we celebrate both National Teacher's Day and the last day of Year 12 formal studies.

On behalf of a grateful College Board, Principal and community, we celebrate all College staff and all families who work together to educate your child.

I am a teacher. I was born the first moment a question leapt from a child's mouth. I have wept for joy at the weddings of former students, laughed with glee at the birth of their children and stood with head bowed in grief and confusion by graves prepared too soon for bodies far too young. Despite the maps, charts, formulas, verbs, stories, and books, we had nothing to teach, for they had only themselves to learn.

I was fortunate to know your child as a teacher. A doctor is allowed to usher life into the world in one magic moment. Their presence allowed me to see that life is reborn daily with new questions, ideas, and friendships.

An architect knows that their structure may stand for centuries if they build with care. A teacher knows that if they build with love and truth, what they build will last forever, so their memory lasts forever.

You have bestowed upon me the great honour to entrust me with your most significant contribution to eternity, your child.

You have blessed me with a past that is rich in memories, a present that is challenging and memories to last forever.

I am a teacher, and I thank God for your child every day.

- Adapted by a poem from John Schlatter.

Mr Noel Mifsud
PRINCIPAL

CLASS PLACEMENTS 2023

Class placements in the Junior and Middle/Senior Schools are formed together with the Flourish Leaders and class teachers in consultation with the Learning Enhancement staff, Enrolments Officer, Wellbeing staff and Heads of School.

Current class teachers have the main input into allocations.

The following considerations are taken into account when establishing classes for the following year:

- learning needs;
- gender balance;
- social factors in either maintaining or separating siblings or students;
- student feedback;
- parent communication based on sound educational reasoning received by Monday 7 November; and
- subject choices which can alter what class placements are possible as students move from Year 8 into 9 and then the Senior School from Year 10 onwards.

Parent communication is to be submitted to the relevant Head of School by clicking on this survey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RGV59Y5>. Please complete one survey per student.

Class lists will be published in the final weeks of Term 4 to allow for student transition to occur.

As you will appreciate, our staff place a considerable amount of time into this important process and will be working on this over the coming weeks in preparation for the 2023 academic year.



from the head of **JUNIOR YEARS**

We have had a few lovely sunny days already this term and the College grounds are a wonderful place to play and learn - and to come to work. Last week, a group of Junior School Students noticed a frog poking its head out of the duck weed in the pond in the little minibeast garden. This created a lot of interest and we then watched it make

its way out of the pond into the nearby vegetation. I asked Dani Austin, our Environmental Education Coordinator about this, and she advised that frogs like to be damp, but don't actually live in the water, rather in riparian environments, such as the frog we sighted was doing.

With the weather warming up, we also get visits from lizards and snakes as they make their way out of hibernation, looking for something to eat and somewhere warm to rest. Former staff member, Karen Lawrence, gave us this advice;

Occasionally, snakes are seen in the Junior School. If you see a snake, please don't panic. They are normally more scared of you as you are of them. They also don't want to waste energy on biting something they can't eat.

Snakes will bite if they feel under threat. So threatening behaviour like screaming, fast movements and trying to kill them will cause them to defend themselves. Remember, all snakes have venom, even babies. Snakes will bite if provoked.

Here are some tips on what to do if you see a snake:

- Stand perfectly still and quiet until it goes past.
- Carefully walk backwards to a safe place.
- Inform other staff and students where and when you have seen the snake.
- Staff need to report the sighting to Property Services.
- Students need to report the sighting to an adult in charge.

The grounds staff are notified if a snake is seen on College grounds and they respond quickly. A professional snake catcher has also been used to give advice and set traps for snakes. Snakes are an important part of the Australian ecosystems and deserve our respect and care.

HATS

Congratulations to Junior School families on the number of children wearing hats so far this term. If children in Year 6 need to replace their hat this term, they may purchase a Middle School hat that they can take with them next year into Year 7.

Mr John Dow
HEAD OF JUNIOR YEARS



from the **ECO & FIRST NATIONS TEAM**

YEAR 6 ECO LEADERS (YELP) - BLESS THE ANIMALS CEREMONY

We were so proud of the Year 6 YELP (Youth Leadership Awards Program) students who courageously spoke to the parents and students about what their pets mean to them during the Bless the Animals ceremony last term.

The students selected a topic they felt represented them, wrote their scripts, supported each other, gave feedback and practised as a group.

The topics were as follows:

- Comfort and support - **Ella**
- How animals influence our lives - **Milly**
- Funny moments with our pets and how they make us smile - **Olivia**
- How we look after our animals - **Ava**
- What your breed of dog tells you about yourself - **Grace**

Well done to all the students involved for their wonderful presentations and efforts.



OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

Over the school holidays we hosted five events at the EcoClassroom Sanctuary including Kids Nature Craft and Kids Nature Journaling. We explored the sanctuary and worked with the plants and animals for materials or inspiration for our creations.

Families enjoyed some time in nature, slowing down, listening to the birdsong, and creating beautiful art and craft together.

Thank you to the City of Onkaparinga, Willunga Environment Centre, Wattle & Wonder, and Wild Craft Studio for partnering on these events.

We look forward to welcoming our families to more events after school, on weekends, and in the school holidays.

Please contact eco@tatachilla.sa.edu.au if you would like to receive emails about our EcoClassroom events, or please reach out if you know anyone who may like to partner on events and activities.

Ms Dani Austin

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR



from the **MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

The Music Department is working towards our Showcase concert at the Hopgood Theatre on Wednesday 9 Nov at 6pm and we invite you to attend and experience some of the highlights from our ensemble program along with two of our Year 12 soloists.

We finished Term 4 with our Vocal Night in Week 8 where we were entertained by Kym Koop's students and the ensembles of Choir and Advanced Choir. It was a beautiful evening of music making.

The Guitar Ensemble and students of Sandy Klose and Julio Stefanoni finished the term with a Soiree held in the Performing Arts Centre. It was wonderful to experience the musical journey of students from Junior through to Middle and Senior. I would like to thank Kym, Sandy and Julio for all their hard work with our students here at Tatchilla.

We were also fortunate to have Celia Craig and Caspar Hawksley present their 'Colours of Home' to students in Year 4. Students were invited into the vibrant world of oboist Celia Craig, who experiences Chromesthesia – where sound evokes involuntary experiences of colour. Casper deepened the students' understanding of music through colour and mood.

Students were given their own tools to create music based on their own unique world view. An engaging and dynamic experience all-round and a relationship we hope will develop in the future.

Mr Peter Jewitt
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



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TATCHILLA MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

2022 Music Showcase 'Belonging'

Featuring the following Ensembles:

Junior School Aspire Choir, Senior and Advanced Choirs, Senior Concert Band, Orchestra, String Orchestra, Jazz Band, Saxophone Quartet & Chapel Bands.

Wednesday 9 November | 6:00pm | Hopgood Theatre

TICKET PRICES: ADULT \$20 | CONCESSION \$15 | FAMILY TICKET \$55

Tickets: www.countryarts.org.au | t: 7009 4400
Children under 2 free | Transaction fees apply

from around the **CAMPUS**

TATFEST 2022

TATFEST is Tatchilla's annual school-based film festival modelled on the International 'Tropfest' Film Festival held each year in Sydney.

The 2022 TATFEST Film Festival exceeded expectations this year with a total of eight media products and seven short films showcased to a captivated audience of teachers, students and the wider College community. Our judging panel featured some "heavy hitters" including; Mr Richard Rowe (Learning Leader: English), Ms Elizabeth Bentley (Learning Leader: Arts) and Ms Skye McVicar (Arts Coordinator at Sacred Heart College).

Our judges had their work cut out for them as competition was very tight this year with only a small margin between placings. The three finalist films included: Run (produced by **Benjamin Stidston** and **Tom Terry**), Rising (produced by **Eve Gower**) and Wild (produced by **Kimberley Rowe**).

The 'Best Film' award went to **Tom Terry** and **Benjamin Stidston** for their film Run.

Congratulations to all Year 12 Media students of 2022, I couldn't be prouder of your achievements this year.

Mr Trent Heaft

MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY TEACHER



ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Artist in residence Dr Daniel Connell is working with the College community on various projects. In addition, Senior Art students have been very lucky to experience some of his expertise. Daniel has given drawing and painting demonstrations as well as artist talks to students. His advice and visits have been invaluable to some of our Year 12 students and it is wonderful to hear about professional artistic practice.

Mrs Harriet Geater-Johnson

VISUAL ART TEACHER



from the **COUNSELLING TEAM**



WHAT IS COUNSELLING?

Counselling is a process of talking about, and working through, your personal problems with a counsellor. The counsellor helps you to address your problems in a positive way by helping you to clarify the issues, explore options, develop strategies and increase self-awareness. For some people, just the process of telling their story to a counsellor, and being

listened to, is helpful. A trained counsellor is someone trained to offer a talk-based therapy.

Counselling provides confidential support. This means that everything you discuss with the counsellor is private, between you and the counsellor. The exception is when a counsellor has a duty of care to report something that threatens your wellbeing or the wellbeing of others.

Mike and I work with students and their families across the school from Reception to Year 12.

We are both trained teachers but also trained and training counsellors. We can make referrals for students to external support agencies and speak with families or teachers about support for students when needed.

Our role is not to diagnose – that's the role of medical doctors, or psychologists, however we can offer support regarding diagnosis. We encourage students to seek help from trained professionals and will find agencies to work with a family no matter what the issue.

Mike and I are here to support students and their families as they deal with issues such as friendship, anxiety, self harm, sleep or eating issues, bullying, grief and loss or family break down. Misty, the counselling dog, is the unsung hero of our team who works with students by just being herself and receiving lots of pats and hugs!

Appointments to see either Mike or myself can be made via the SEQTA homepage or by contacting us at the school on 7333 4781 or via our emails.

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Mrs Sue Chapman and Mr Mike Ebert
COLLEGE COUNSELLORS

SCHOOL TV

SPECIAL REPORT: A GUIDE TO SAFE PARTYING

Teenage gatherings provide young people with important opportunities to interact and build on their social skills and experiences. Celebrations, partying and socialising are a fundamental rite of passage and one of the most important aspects of a young person's life. However, it is possible for the best young person to get carried away with their peers and the euphoria of the moment.

For parents and caregivers, keeping your young person safe can at times feel daunting and is often a compromise and a challenge. Most teenagers try to do the right thing most of the time, but your leadership as a role model is crucial. Your child may appear to be physically large and mature, but this is not necessarily matched by their emotional maturity and responsibility in behaviour.

Every party has the potential to get out-of-hand, as sometimes it's hard for young partygoers to make good decisions. Communication and regular discussions are vital, particularly because young people are often faced with peer pressure to do things they prefer not to engage in. Hosting a celebration at home or at a venue can be a fun and memorable event, but it is important to agree on the ground rules well before your event is announced, to ensure there are no misunderstandings later on.

If hosting an event, you owe your guests a 'duty-of-care' and should ensure all reasonable steps are taken to keep partygoers safe. This Special Report provides caregivers with a list of things to consider when planning a celebration. We hope you take a moment to reflect on the information offered, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you, or the wellbeing of your child, please seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to the special report:
https://tatachilla.sa.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-guide-safe-partying

Mrs Sue Chapman and Mr Mike Ebert
COLLEGE COUNSELLORS



from the SPORTS FIELDS

YEAR 9/10 SOCCER, SSSA DIVISION 2 STATE FINALS

The Year 9/10 Soccer Team played in the final round of the SSSA Knockout Cup after comfortable wins in the first two rounds of the competition. They joined Mt Carmel, Gleeson College, and Nuriootpa High School, drawing Gleeson in the opening game.

This game turned out to be the game against the two best sides there on the day. After normal time, the sides were drawn at nil all, and extra time was needed to try to split the teams. With 30 seconds left of the extra 10-minutes, Gleeson managed to get a goal against the play. They went on to the grand final and we moved to the play-off for third. The boys were very disappointed but should be proud of their efforts against a well organised team. I felt that we probably won all of the major statistics except the score in this game.

We then played Mt Carmel for 3rd place, and we started slowly as the team were still a bit sore from the first game. Eventually they got our passing game going and this saw us take the lead. Mt Carmel drew level not long after, which saw us wake up with a lovely 15-minutes netting two more goals. Mt Carmel scored a very late consolation goal, but we held them off to finish 3rd in Division 2 of the state. A fantastic effort!

GAME 1

Tatachilla 0 vs Gleeson College 1 (extra time)
Best: **Hayden Conway, James Fox, Fred Rush, Karlu Roscrow-Kreis, Soren Roscrow-Kreis**

GAME 2

Tatachilla 3 vs Mt Carmel 2
Goals: **Karlu Roscrow-Kreis 2, James Elliott 1**
Best: **Karlu Roscrow-Kreis, James Fox, Daniel Agnew, Joey Petrucci, James Elliott**

Special thanks to **Louis Ryan** who volunteered to do the lines in the second game and helped all day. Thanks also to Darren Vile who was on Long Service Leave but came to support the team and offer his expertise, and to Sarah Lush who came and provided support and nutrition to the team.

Finals Squad: **Daniel Agnew, Jacomo Baraiola, Jacob Cerullo, Calum Cherrington, Hayden Conway (Captain), James Elliott, James Fox, Ollie Hibbert, Joshua Hunt, Prosper Kavhira, Joey Petrucci, Karlu Roscrow-Kreis, Soren Roscrow-Kreis, Fred Rush, Archie Rutt, Louis Ryan, and Joshua Winstanley.**

Mr Mark Turner
SOCCER COACH



SWIMMING

Congratulations to **Molly Walker** who has just received a two-year South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) Swimming Scholarship. This is a huge achievement for Molly, due to a lot of hard work and dedication. Well done Molly.



TENNIS

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 Girls and Boys Tennis teams who won all of their matches at a competition on Tuesday, held at the Blackwood Tennis Club. They have now progressed to the State Finals. It was a wet day, but spirits were high and all our players did really well.



calendar DATES

Term 4 Week 3

Monday 31 October

Reception Transition Visit I

Mon 31 October - Fri 4 November

Yr 12 SWOTVAC

Tuesday 1 November

7-11 Assembly, 9:10am

Incursion: Yr 10 Mock Interviews

College Twilight Tour, 6:00pm

Thursday 3 November

Yr 12 Visual Art Exhibition

Opening, 6:00pm

Friday 4 November

Excursion: Yr 11 Outdoor Ed

Rock Climbing Skills

Term 4 Week 4

Monday 7 November

Reception Transition Visit II

Monday 7 - Friday 11 November

Year 12 Exams

Tuesday 8 November

7-11 Chapel, 8:50am

Wednesday 9 November

Excursion: Yr 6 Best Buys

Music Showcase: 'Belonging'

Hopgood Theatre, 6pm

Thursday 10 November

JS Chapel, 9:00am

Incursion: Yr 3 and Yr 5 ALWS

Presentation

Excursion: Yr 6 Climate Ready Schools

Expo, Thebarton Community Centre

Friday 11 November

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Excursion: Yr 11 Outdoor Ed

Rock Climbing Skills

Incursion: Yr 4 and Yr 6 ALWS

Presentation

Term 4 Week 5

Monday 14 November

Reception Transition Visit III

Monday 14 - Friday 18 November

Yr 12 Exams

Wednesday 16 November

Yr 6 2023 Student Transition Day

Thursday 17 November

JS Chapel, 9:10am

SS P.A.R.T.Y Program

Friday 18 November

Excursion: Yr 9/10 Boys Tennis

JS Disco, College Gym

TERM DATES >

<https://www.tatachilla.sa.edu.au/news/term-dates>

COLLEGE CALENDAR >

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Junior School Disco

Friday 18 November 2022 | College Fundraiser



R-3: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Years 4-6: 6:45pm - 8:00pm

Tatachilla Parent Partners and disco provider Footsteps are pleased to bring you another Junior School Disco for 2022. This College fundraiser will raise funds for the Junior School, with the SRC helping to choose where the funds will go. There will be two sessions for students, R-3 and Years 4-6.



\$6.00 per child | College Gymnasium | Bring a drink bottle

Bookings essential: <https://events.humanitix.com/tatachilla-js-disco-2022>

Further information: Sally Moran, sally.moran@tatachilla.sa.edu.au | 8323 9588

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YEAR 12 ART SHOW

ARTWORK CREATED BY SAFFRON NOAH

CONNECTIONS

OPENING NIGHT

THURSDAY 3RD NOV 2022, 6PM

TATACHILLA LUTHERAN COLLEGE

GYM FOYER

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL OPENING NIGHT:

[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/](https://events.humanitix.com/2022-year-12-art-show-opening-night)

2022-YEAR-12-ART-SHOW-OPENING-NIGHT

EXHIBITION DATES:

4TH NOVEMBER UNTIL 9TH NOVEMBER

ALL WELCOME