

tatachilla NEWS



Term 1 Week 2 | Thursday 9 February 2023



from the **PRINCIPAL**

Ezekiel 11:19, we read *The Lord Has Given Us A New Spirit.*

Our new Reception students began College life for the first time on Monday 30 January with great spirit and excitement. The same spirit resonated with their parents, grandparents and caregivers, who were welcomed with drinks at our Tea & Tears event after leaving their children in our staff's expert care. Parents (and grandparents/carers) play a critical role as the first educators of their children.

We thank all parents and guardians for ensuring your child attends school with solid family and faith-centred values, adequate sleep, healthy diet, proper dress and grooming. We thank you for attending Parent Information Nights, reading emails and Newsletters, and visiting the SEQTA learning support system to monitor your child's well-being, learning and attendance.

2023 is an exciting year to be a student at Tatachilla Lutheran College. This year we have welcomed new staff to the College who bring significant expertise and enthusiasm to their teaching and support roles. We have appointed additional Student Support Officers to provide more in-class support for teachers from Reception through to Year 12.

In 2022 our College underwent a review of marketing and communication. This year parents are invited to provide feedback to further assist the College in providing timely, accurate and essential communication to families. A parent survey will be sent to all families in the coming week.

Work will commence shortly on a significant new toilet facility for 7-12 students and staff. These toilets will provide additional facilities to honour our commitment to improving student and staff dignity, comfort and well-being. During the term break, substantial work was undertaken by our maintenance staff and external contractors to improve classrooms, play and work areas.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL APOLOGY

On 13 February 2008 the then Prime Minister of Australia, Honorable Kevin Rudd MP, moved the following speech into Parliament and Australian history:

That today we honour the Indigenous peoples of this land, the oldest continuing cultures in human history. We reflect on their past mistreatment. We reflect in particular on the mistreatment of those who were Stolen Generations - this blemished chapter in our nation's history. The time has now come for the nation to turn a new page in Australia's history by righting the wrongs of the past and so moving forward with confidence to the future...A future where all Australians, whatever their origins, are truly equal partners, with equal opportunities and with an equal stake in shaping the next chapter in the history of this great country, Australia.

Tatachilla Lutheran College is deeply committed to justice, solidarity and equality. On 13 February 2023, the College will commemorate National Apology Day with special lessons and devotions. Let us pray this week for a just and peace-filled world.

The link below provides a list of College staff and emails for your information: [College Staff List](#)

Once again, we welcome all families to Tatachilla Lutheran College in 2023. I pray for you with joy that God's grace will rest upon you and your families and our College community.

Mr Noel Mifsud
PRINCIPAL



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 head of **JUNIOR YEARS**

Welcome back for another year in the Junior School.

Over the Christmas break, the grounds and maintenance staff have had a very busy time undertaking some major projects. New air conditioning units have been installed in all Junior School classrooms with the capacity to allow more fresh air into the classrooms. The Years 1 and 3 classrooms have new glass sliding doors leading out to the large shared area behind their classrooms. The additional light and line of sight benefits both the classroom and allows the teachers to more readily supervise children in the shared area.

We have planned the 2023 school year to include all the community events that have been put on hold since 2020. Twilight Food Affair is returning on Friday 24 March in its original format. This is always a great family night out. The Junior School Parent Information Night is back face-to-face with a sausage sizzle and cr che. See below for more details. We also plan to hold a Grandparents and Special Friends Day in Term 2. We have missed welcoming these special visitors to the Junior School. Junior School Chapels and Assemblies will be held in the Gym each week and parents and friends of the Junior School are always welcome to attend.

In addition to our new Reception families, another 41 children are making a new beginning in the Junior School. We warmly welcome them and their families.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

The Junior School Parent Information Night (PIN) will be held for all year levels on Wednesday 15 February.

This is an informative evening where teachers and your children will outline plans for the year ahead, so please plan to attend.

There will be three sessions during the evening.

- Session 1 and 3 are held in the classrooms and will be identical to enable you to attend at least two different classrooms if you have children in more than one year level.
- Session 2 will be in the Activity Centre, where the Head of Junior School and other leaders will be introduced and outline plans for the coming year.

Sessions will be at the following times:

- 3:45pm - 4:30pm Session 1 Classroom presentation
- 4:45pm - 5:15pm Session 2 Presentation by Junior School leaders in the Activity Centre.
- 5:30pm - 6:15pm Session 3 Classroom presentation (a repeat of Session 1)

From 4:30pm - 6:00pm a sausage sizzle will be available near the Year 2 – 6 playground.

A cr che will be provided in the Library from 3:30pm until 6:15pm. Please sign your child in and out of the cr che. In addition, the Year 2 – 6 playground will be open for school-aged children to use and will be supervised by teaching staff. We ask that parents know where their children are at all times and are not roaming the schoolyard unsupervised.

We look forward to seeing you at the College for this important evening.

ASSEMBLY AND CHAPEL IN 2023

Assembly and chapel are on the move. Assemblies are in the even weeks of term, on Wednesday afternoons at 2:35pm. Chapel is every Friday morning at 9am in the College Gymnasium. The only exception to this is if we have a whole College Chapel or Assembly during the week when we will not have a Junior School event.

Each class or year level presents their learning at Assembly or participates in a Chapel, once during the year. Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend for that, or as often as you wish.

HATS

Congratulations to the Junior School community for having their hats ready to wear from the first day of term. Despite some days being overcast and cool, UV levels can be above 3 which is when sun protection is recommended. Please ensure your child has their school hat with them every day so that they can take full advantage of the opportunities the College grounds, playgrounds and oval provide for imaginative and structured play. The College policy is 'no hat; play in the shade' in designated shady play spaces. Hats are compulsory in Terms 1, 3 and Term 4.

I feel very blessed to work at Tatachilla Lutheran College and wear my Head of Junior Years badge with pride. Every day my bucket is filled as I am greeted as 'Mr Dow' by the children and watch them happily farewelling their parents and running off to join their friends. The year ahead looks full of promise. The Junior School staff and I look forward to sharing it with you.

Mr John Dow

HEAD OF JUNIOR YEARS





from the director of

TEACHING & LEARNING R-12

WELCOME BACK

It was wonderful seeing our students cascading back into College life last week, full of excitement, keen to rekindle friendships, and for some a few nervous thoughts as they commenced their learning journey with us, be they Reception students through to those joining us in the Senior Years. The first week of a new year is such an important time for teachers and students to collaborate and establish their class expectations, routines and goals. Most importantly, this process creates the kind of learning community that enables student learning and relationships to flourish, gives students a voice in this process, and sets high expectations for personal and class learning for the year ahead. We also welcome new staff to our learning community, many of whom have already commented on how supported they feel journeying with us in our beautiful educational environment, and excited to have met their students.

HOW DO I TRACK MY CHILD'S LEARNING?

Having had three years of interrupted starting and stopping of parents on site due to COVID restrictions, we are looking forward to more in-person shared opportunities for you and your child's learning. John Hattie, acclaimed author of Visible Learning: A Synthesis of over 800 Meta-Analyses Relating to Achievement, found that the teacher-student relationship had a .72 effect size on student achievement (an effect size of .4 and above is highly significant for student achievement.) As parents, we have a considerable impact on the student/teacher relationship, so positive, shared, constructive conversations about student learning are valued. Another high impact on student learning (effect size of .70) is targeted feedback during learning and of learning (eg drafts) for students such that they can act on that feedback to further improve their learning tasks, final assignments and exams.

In the Junior Years, this occurs with 1:1 and small group conferencing, whether in response to shared writing, during a Science investigation or Maths strategies students are using to problem solve, to name a few.

From Years 7-12, this also occurs, and includes formal continuous feedback on learning tasks, particularly uploaded drafts. There is therefore a high level of importance for students to submit drafts as this enables targeted feedback with strategies for improving the draft to enable students to knowledgeably demonstrate their best learning. This feedback is visible to students and parents in real time and is a significant insight into individual student's growth. Summative (final) feedback may be in the form of a completed rubric or grade, which is also visible for students and parents.

SEQTA Engage is the means by which feedback on learning, assignments due and overviews of student learning occurs. Please ensure you have activated SEQTA Engage as per the email you would have received as a new family to our College. Notifications about student learning occur via a red circle at the top of the icon.

The following page illustrates the College's 2023 formal, scheduled opportunities for student learning to be reported on and shared. Please note that parents, students or staff may request to meet outside of these times if required, and additional shared learning opportunities can include learning exhibitions, galleries, open classrooms etc.

Mrs Ali Thacker

DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING R-12



Welcoming Junior School families at our Tea & Tears event



Student Led Conference in the Junior School

from the director of

TEACHING & LEARNING R-12

STUDENT REPORTING METHODS IN 2023

The below table outlines the methods for reporting student learning from R-12 in 2023:

YEAR LEVELS	TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
RECEPTION	Parent/Teacher Interviews Individual Educational Plans (IEPs)	Semester 1 Report (no grades)	Student Led Conferences IEP reviews	Semester 2 Report (no grades)
YEARS 1-6	Parent/Teacher Interviews Individual Educational Plans (IEPs)	Semester 1 Report	Student Led Conferences IEP reviews	Semester 2 Report
YEARS 7-11 Continuous reporting across all subjects on SEQTA	Parent/Teacher Interviews Individual Educational Plans (IEPs)	Semester 1 Report	Year 7-8 Student Led Conferences Years 9-11 Parent/Teacher Interviews IEP reviews	Semester 2 Report
YEAR 12 Continuous reporting across all subjects on SEQTA	Interim Report Parent/Teacher Interviews Individual Educational Plans (IEPs)	Semester 1 Report	Parent/Teacher Interviews School-based Report	Student Leaver Statement



from the COUNSELLING TEAM



WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome to families who are new to Tatachilla and welcome back to our regular families returning for 2023.

We wish all of you a hopeful and productive year and wish the students all the best for this new year. Many families remember clearly the disruption, and trials of starting last year in lockdown.

We are so thankful for a fresh start this year and the opportunity to build relationships with your children right from day one.

As your school counsellors, we wish to remind families that our role is to support students, their families, and their teachers. We are available for phone calls, emails and face to face meetings to discuss any concerns parents have for their children's mental or physical health and wellbeing. Please contact either of us at the College on the contact details adjacent. Mike works Mondays to Wednesdays and Sue works Wednesdays – Fridays.

As counsellors we work with students and their families and along with counselling support, we also provide information and referrals to health services as required. Student appointments are able to be made via SEQTA.

As we start the new year, many families and their children are returning to routines. Routines are very important for many children, things like regular sleep times, getting uniforms ready the night before, making lunches, planning for excursions etc make students feel less anxious and assist with organisation at home.

This article from Next Generation gives some great advice for families with children who have neurodevelopmental issues, however many of these steps will help most students as they return to school and ease into the busyness that comes with being back.

Please see the link below.

<https://www.generationnext.com.au/2022/12/bedtime-strategies-for-kids-with-autism-and-adhd-can-help-all-families-get-more-sleep/>

Our Counselling team is available for student and parent support five days a week. We can be contacted by email or directly by phone on 7333 4781.

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Mike Ebert michael.ebert@tatachilla.sa.edu.au

Mrs Sue Chapman and Mr Mike Ebert
COLLEGE COUNSELLORS

TWILIGHT FOOD AFFAIR 2023

Tatachilla's Twilight Food Affair is back!

Friday 24 March 2023 | 4:30pm – 9:00pm

After being on hold due to COVID restrictions, Tatachilla is excited to announce the return of the Twilight Food Affair.

Twilight Food Affair is one of the College's major events enjoyed by the College Community.

Held on the Junior School Oval, the event has an array of local food and wine, live music, entertainment stalls, amusement rides and a fireworks display to top it off!

- **Stall Conveynors** - The College is looking for interested, willing people to convene the following Tatachilla hosted stalls – bbq, hot chips, nachos, hot dogs, toasties & milkshakes.
- **Stall Assistants** - Many hands make light work! If you are able to spare some time serving on a stall it would be appreciated. Rosters will be drawn up allowing helpers to also enjoy time during the evening with their family and friends.
- **Wine/Beer/Gin Stall Sponsors** - We invite families associated with local wineries who would be interested in being a sponsor (by way of donation) to this year's Wine, Beer & Gin Stall.
- **Roaming Performers** - Calling for entertainers (jugglers, magicians, and acrobats) interested in being part of a group of roaming performers to entertain the crowd. Equipment supplied.
- **Bump In / Out** - Calling all the strong fit people out there! If this description sounds like you and you are willing and able to spare a couple of hours during the afternoon or at the end of the night we would love to hear from you.

Contact / More Information

If you are interested in being involved in any of the above or in any way possible, please contact Mrs Kay Digby, Event Manager, by phoning 8329 4411 or email kay.digby@tatachilla.sa.edu.au



from PERFORMING ARTS

COLLEGE MUSICAL 2023

We are off to a cracking start with Big Fish our 2023 College Musical! Sunday 5 February saw 65 enthusiastic students from Years 7 – 12 gathered together for their first rehearsal. We learnt the singing for our opening number and the main cast did their first table read of Act 1.

For those of you unfamiliar with the show, Big Fish is a relatively new musical based off the 2006 Tim Burton film of the same name. The plot centres around Edward Bloom, an eccentric and loveable travelling salesman who has regaled his son Will with magical stories of adventures he claims he's had with mermaids, giants and even running away with the circus. Now as an adult, Will resent these tales as he feels like he doesn't truly know his father. How can you truly know a man when you can't believe a word he says?

The line between fantasy and reality becomes blurred as the story explores the complicated relationship between father and son and how the power of storytelling can teach us about life and our humanity.

It is a magical production, and we look forward to sharing it with you. Tickets will be on sale later in the term, but watch this space for updates as this wonderful project comes together over the next 10 weeks!

Mrs Rachel Overstreet
PRODUCER/CHOREOGRAPHER

Mrs Eliza Player
DIRECTOR



CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for volunteers to help in a myriad of ways on Big Fish. If you are keen to support this project with a donation of your time, please fill out the following Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/ifJmvCC1jN2dhkEJA>

from the **MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

MUSIC ENSEMBLE PROGRAMS

We are excited by the year ahead and the performance opportunities that we will be bringing to the school community. In order to prepare for this we begin the year by recruiting students to our music ensemble programmes. We hope those who have been involved last year will continue and we invite any new students or those who would like the opportunity to perform with others.

If your son/daughter plays an instrument we welcome them to contact myself, Mr Tresize, Mrs Whiteley or Mrs Koop to join one of our ensembles.

Our programme includes

- Choirs
- Concert Bands (wind, brass, percussion instruments)
- String Ensembles
- Orchestra (string, wind, brass, percussion)
- Jazz Band
- Chapel Bands
- Rock Bands
- Ukulele Ensemble
- Guitar Ensemble

If you would like to know more please do not hesitate to contact the Music Department

Music is a great way to socialise, develop learning in other areas, be involved in the wider school community and we encourage and welcome all to be part of this journey.

The video link below will give you some insight in how Music can help your students.

https://www.ted.com/talks/anita_collins_how_playing_an_instrument_benefits_your_brain?language=en

Mr Peter Jewitt
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



If you are interested speak to
Mrs Geater-Johnson in room 652
or email
hgeater@tatachilla.sa.edu.au
for a permission form.

After School Art Club

Are you a student in the middle or senior school keen to get creative?

We are looking for a brilliant bunch of students that can help make AMAZING props for our musical BIG FISH.

As well as contributing to designs and ideas, you will be motivated, a problem solver and keen for learning sculpture techniques!
It will be exciting to see our work on the stage.

Prop Making Club will commence Week 3 and will run until the end of term - Week 10.
Thursdays from 3.30 - 5pm

from the **ECO & FIRST NATIONS TEAM**

COLLEGE CAPTAIN FLOWER GARDEN

College Captain **Elani Parker** reached out to the EcoTeam and Property Services team wanting to plant flowers and add colour to the school grounds. Flowering plants attract native bees and bring joy and beauty to the school.

After some planning Elani, along with Brett Sharrad (Property Services) and Katie Hollis (EcoClassroom team) came up with a location and garden design in the Year 9 area. Elani also planted some of her favourite paper daisies from seed.

"This project with Katie and Brett stemmed from my promise to help bring beauty to the school. My hope is that if you look closely as you walk past, you will see a little flower and appreciate its being. Whether or not my flowers go noticed or appreciated, I am happy to know that I helped make the school just a little bit more lovely with the help from Katie and the groundsman."

- Elani Parker, College Captain



SEEDS IN SPACE

In late 2020 a small team of Year 11 students put together an application to be involved in a program growing seeds which had been to space!

The seeds were from the golden wattle plant (*Acacia pycnantha*) which had spent six months in space on the International Space Station.

This was more than just growing cool space seeds, this was part of a science experiment. We were successful and received 12 seeds - six of which had been to space, and six of which had stayed on earth. The aim of this experiment was to investigate the effects of microgravity.

In November 2021, the seeds were propagated and sowed. By the start of 2022, three plants survived - two space seeds and one earth seed. They were successfully planted near the front of the Food Technology area, are still monitored, and can be visited by students.

Thank you to the students involved: **Viktoria, Jake, Cody, Azalea, Ashton, Friedrich, Joshua, Tilly, Tully and Ash.**

Ms Dani Austin

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR



calendar **DATES**

Term 1 Week 3

Monday 13 February

National Apology Day

Wednesday 15 February

R-12 Opening Chapel

Yr 12 CRAVE Seminar

JS Parent Information Sessions

Thursday 16 February

SRC Voting

Friday 17 February

JS Chapel, 8.55am

Term 1 Week 4

Mon 20 - Weds 22 February

Yr 12 Retreat

Tuesday 21 February

Shrove Tuesday

VET Interviews

College Tour, 6pm

Tues 21 - Thurs 23 February

Indonesian Student Visitors

Wednesday 22 February

7-12 Chapel, 9am

JS Assembly, 2.35pm

Friday 24 February

JS Chapel, 8.55am

Term 1 Week 5

Mon 27, Tues 28 Feb & Thurs 2 Mar

Yr 12 Pathway Interviews

Tuesday 28 February

Yr 7 Standards Day

NAPLAN Practice Test

Wednesday 1 March

R-12 Assembly (SRC), 9am

Yr 8 Standards Day

Weds 1 - Fri 3 March

Yr 7 Camp

Friday 3 March

JS Chapel, 8.55am

TERM DATES >

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

COLLEGE CALENDAR >

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Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

Hello to all our OSHC Families & Welcome back to term 1 & 2023.

I hope we all had a safe & enjoyable Holiday Break & are all set for the new School year.

Many of the OSHC children attended the Rocketeers Mission VII these school holidays & enjoyed all the incursions, excursions & themed based days on offer. It was fantastic to see so many of you, as well as our Seaford Rise Staff & Children.

Our 1st week back at OSHC will be all about our Health and Wellbeing with dance, yoga, deep breathing & relaxation on our programme. As always we will have new children attending the OSHC service & I'm certain in no time, you will feel part of our OSHC Family!

All and any information regards OSHC can be found on the Camp Australia Website, where you can also enrol your child/ren.

I hope to see many of you this first term & please feel free to call into OSHC & grab a leaflet, have a look around & ask any questions that you need answers to.

Looking forward to a great 1st Term, take care Lin

Activities coming

Week 1

Health & Wellbeing

Dance, Yoga, Deep
Breathing & relaxation

New Theme for our OSHC
Space

What's on the menu

Sakatatas with Salsa &
cheese cubes

Toasted cheese fingers

Popcorn

Plus assorted fruit &
Veggie Platter

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustalia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FIRST NATIONS NETBALL CLINICS

SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2023
SEAFORD
10 JANE STREET, PORT NOARLUNGA SOUTH

AGE GROUP 7 - 12 YEAR OLDS

12.30PM - 2.30PM

AGE GROUP 13 - 17 YEAR OLDS

2.45PM - 4.45PM



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR THE FIRST NATIONS
NETBALL CLINICS.

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CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES

Limited vacancies
available for term 1
or
join the waitlist for term 2

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McLAREN DISTRICTS SOCCER CLUB INC

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School soccer Season Registration Now open

Well once again soccer season is upon us and I'm pleased to announce that the registrations for season 2023 is now open

Please go to the playfootball website and register asap. As this allows us to fill teams and get training underway.

<https://www.playfootball.com.au/...>

Please note that you must register under McLaren SCHOOL Soccer and please note there are two player selections that you can use.

One is for any child that is only playing school soccer on a Saturday Morning and the other is for a dual player that is playing school soccer and also playing club soccer which is played on a Sundays.

The cost for the season is \$130 for all ages.

This includes a playing top.

Socks, shorts and training tops are an extra cost.

Please note our MDSC AGM is Wednesday February 15th at 7:30PM. We would love for you to attend.

Please contact me if you have any issues-

Regards

F Sieben

Chairperson

McLaren Districts Soccer Club