

tatachilla NEWS



Term 2 Week 2 | Thursday 11 May 2023



from the **PRINCIPAL**

Musician and humanist Pablo Casals once said, *"A child must know that they are a miracle, that since the beginning of the world, there hasn't been, and until the end of the world there will not be, another child like them."* I am constantly reminded of the miracle your child's presence and education bring us at Tatachilla Lutheran College.

I am privileged to witness this magic daily in the ordinary learning of children in a classroom or at play in the yard and the extraordinariness of children performing and excelling to extraordinary levels in extra and co-curricular activities. I have just returned from the Matinee performance of the College Musical *Big Fish*, where magic was performed by our talented student and staff, cast, and crew. The joyous perfection of acting, dance, storytelling, stage direction, costume, and choreography were just a few ingredients that, combined with staff and student talent and indomitable parent and community support, reminded me of the power of education to transform hearts and minds.

Over the past few weeks, this magic resonated in other significant College events, including the Year 12 Formal at Serafino Winery and the ANZAC Day Parade, where our student cadets laid a wreath of remembrance at the McLaren Vale Garden of Remembrance. On Sunday 14 May, Australia celebrates Mother's Day. This event honours mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures. As we journey through Term 2, let us celebrate the magic of College life at Tatachilla, the audacity of hope and talent our staff and students bring to their learning, and the mystery and depth of a mother's love for their child.

Finally, the College is pleased to announce the appointment of the following new College staff members;

Tim Leggat - Environmental Education Officer
Peter Thornton - Outdoor Education Teacher
Maxine Lee-Morath - Music Teacher
Rowan Blake - Mathematics Teacher

A warm welcome to our new staff members.

Let us be blessed by the depth and breadth of God's love for us all.

Mr Noel Mifsud
PRINCIPAL



Tatachilla Lutheran College acknowledges that this school is built on the Traditional Country of the Kaurna peoples. 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 acting head of **JUNIOR YEARS**

Welcome back to Term 2 in the Junior School. As you may know, this term I am stepping into the role of Acting Head of Junior Years while John Dow is on leave. John has left some big shoes to fill and I feel privileged to have this opportunity to serve the Junior School community.

Currently I am in my fifth year at Tatachilla, having previously worked both in the Reception team and Junior School leadership team as the wellbeing co-ordinator. Before that I worked in Catholic schools for many years.

After traveling to Italy to attend a school study tour, I am forever inspired by the wise words of Loris Malaguzzi, founder of the Reggio Emilia teaching philosophy:

'Our image of children no longer considers them as isolated and egocentric, does not only see them as engaged in action with objects, does not emphasise only the cognitive aspects, does not belittle feelings or what is not logical... Instead our image of the child is rich in potential, strong, powerful, competent and, most of all, connected to adults and children.'

When we think of children in this way it allows us to come from a place of seeing strengths. This approach values learner agency and encourages us to simply stop and listen to the child and validate their feelings and theories about the world around them.

On a personal level, I have four children of my own. My eldest daughters are both studying teaching at university. Another daughter attends high school and my son is about to start his learning journey in the Reception mid-year intake at Tatachilla. I always wanted to be a teacher because I was inspired by my year 2 teacher, who I just adored. Outside of school you'll find me at the gym at 5.30am most mornings. I am one of those crazy people who jumps out of bed just before 5am!

One of the things I value about Tatachilla is our warm parent community. Please feel free to stop and say hello if you see me out in the kiss and drop zone in the afternoons.



UPCOMING DATES FOR THE FRIDGE:

- 15-19 May Year 4 and 5 swimming
- 22-26 May Year 6 Canberra trip
- 24 May Junior School assembly in the gym
- 31 May Whole-of-school assembly in the gym to celebrate National Reconciliation Week
- 5 and 8 June Junior School tree planting
- 7 June Junior School assembly in the gym
- 9 June Grandparents and Special Friend's Day
- 12 June King's birthday (public holiday)
- 21 June Junior School assembly in the gym
- 30 June last day of term for students



EXCELLENCE AWARD

Congratulations to **Mikaela Moschou** who received an Excellence Award at this week's assembly. Well done Mikaela!

A MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL SRC

At our last SRC meeting the children raised their desire for more pots and pans, cake tins, baking trays and metal spoons for our outdoor mud kitchen. Our Junior School children love playing in the creek and mud kitchen during the wet weather. If you have any of the above items that you can spare, our children would be very grateful. Please take them to the Junior School office. Thank you.

Ms Lindee Hopkins

ACTING HEAD OF JUNIOR YEARS



from the JUNIOR YEARS

YEAR 4S AND THEIR BUDDIES

The Year 4's have had a great start to the year. We have enjoyed spending time with our Year 1 buddies. We have helped them with their reading, given them strategies for lunch time play and worked together on Remembrance Day activities.

This term, we will be focusing on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and their connection to Country. We will be visiting the Living Kurna Cultural Centre to gain a better understanding from an Indigenous perspective. We look forward to sharing this experience with you later this term.

Mrs Rebecca Schirmer and **Ms Ally Moore**
YEAR 4 TEACHERS



from the COUNSELLING TEAM

HEALTHY LUNCHES

In this edition, we would like to encourage those families who are diligently packing lunches daily for their children to keep at it!

Healthy lunches are such an important part of a student's wellbeing but can often be overlooked or under rated. A healthy lunch is important because it gives children energy to play, concentrate and learn.

Sometimes it can be difficult to come up with creative lunch ideas, so we have attached a link below which gives lots of great ideas and inspiration.

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/nutrition-fitness/breakfast-lunches/healthy-lunches>

Getting your child involved in choosing, preparing and packing their own lunch will make them more likely to eat it.

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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Mrs Sue Chapman and **Mr Mike Ebert**
COLLEGE COUNSELLORS



from the head of **MIDDLE AND SENIOR YEARS**

DOLLY'S DAY



Bullying is a pervasive issue that affects millions of people worldwide, and it can have devastating consequences on individuals, families, and communities. In Australia, the issue of bullying has been brought to the forefront by the tragic suicide of young Amy "Dolly" Everett, who took her life in 2018 after experiencing relentless bullying.

Dolly's death has spurred her family and friends to take action against bullying, and they established the Dolly's Dream Foundation to support programs that address bullying, cyberbullying, and youth mental health. One of the initiatives that the foundation has launched is Dolly's Day, an annual event that aims to raise awareness and funds for anti-bullying programs. This year, Dolly's Day will be celebrated on Friday 10 May.

The message of Dolly's Day is clear: bullying is never acceptable, and everyone has a role to play in preventing it. By promoting empathy, communication, and positive relationships, we can create a culture of kindness that empowers individuals to speak up and support each other.

At Tatachilla, Years 7-12 student leaders have been working towards running an assembly that promotes the key messages of Dolly's Day which will occur during lesson 5 on Friday 10 May. This will be followed by a free sausage sizzle in the main courtyard, with an opportunity for students to pledge their commitment to promoting empathy and kindness by placing their thumb print on a canvas created by Deputy College Captain, **Ella Turner**.

Mr Chris McElligott

HEAD OF MIDDLE & SENIOR YEARS



from **VISUAL ARTS**

BIG FISH - PROPS CLUB

A huge thank you to the group of students who have been meeting during art club to make props and paint set pieces for our school musical *Big Fish*. We made a range of crazy objects such as campfires, flying 'tornado' cats and fish! We couldn't have done it without you all and your work looked incredible on stage. Thank you everyone.

Ms Harriet Geater-Johnson

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR



from the ECO AND FIRST NATIONS TEAM

NATURE BY NIGHT AT THE ECOCLASSROOM SANCTUARY

In the school holidays families were welcomed into the EcoClassroom Sanctuary for a night tour and exploration.

We were greeted by the Potoroos (who come out just before dusk) hopping around as they looked for their food.

As the sun went down we took a walk through the sanctuary spotting more marsupials hopping around, interesting spiders building their webs, birds settling into bed, bats flying overhead, frogs calling and more!

We used red film over our torches to look at the animals without scaring them.

Once we returned from our tour the Bettongs (who come out just after sunset) had joined the others and were keen for dinner - or actually their breakfast as they are nocturnal animals so had just woken up.

The group enjoyed a close encounter as the animals ate their favourite foods and were curious about these evening visitors.

The *Nature by Night* event was partnered with Green Adelaide and the City of Onkaparinga.

Ms Dani Austin

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR



SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Congratulations to the following individual year level champions from Sports Day 2023:

Year 7 Boys	Aldo Spaumer
Year 7 Girls	Claire Painter
Year 8 Boys	Hudson Boal
Year 8 Girls	Kezia Thiel
Year 9 Boys	Rhett Read
Year 9 Girls	Indy Roberts
Year 10 Boys	Hayden Mitchell
Year 10 Girls	Savannah Polvere
Year 11 Boys	Seth Read
Year 11 Girls	Raffi Lombardozzi
Year 12 Boys	Nicholas Schroder
Year 12 Girls	Grace Deacon

Congratulations to our school record breakers:

Year 7 200m	Kade McNamara	28.66 sec
Year 7 800m	Aldo Spaumer	2 min 35.66
Year 9 800m	Rhett Read	2 min 20.78
Year 7 1500	Aldo Spaumer	5 min 01
Year 11 High Jump	Seth Read	1.90m (13 year record)
Year 11 Triple Jump	Seth Read	12.35m
Year 8 Shot Put	Caleb Mitchell	11.37m (17 year record)

Ms Tonia Fielke

SPORTS COORDINATOR: YEARS 5-12

from around the **CAMPUS**

425 ACU TATACHILLA CADET ACTIVITIES

The 425 ACU cadet numbers have steadily grown this year and we have participated in various activities, most recently various ANZAC ceremonies in the city and suburbs.

425 ACU Cadets recently participated in wreath-laying at the McLaren Vale RSL Dawn Service for the first time. It was a moving experience for our young cadets, and we intend for it to be an annual activity for the unit.

LT(AAC) Phair and CDT **Lilliana Williams** also supported the all-night Youth Vigil at the City Cenotaph. Thankfully it was a relatively warm night, and it was inspiring to watch so many young volunteers take their turn at the Cenotaph and speak so freely with the Governor General and other invited dignitaries about their organisations.

425 ACU's CUO CDTWO2 **Ashton Grice** qualified to compete in the Adventure Training Award, a gruelling week-long camp that the AAC runs every year where cadets from all over the country travel to Tasmania to compete.

"Whilst in Tasmania I completed numerous activities such as: raft-building, kayaking, mountain-biking, and absailing, just to name a few. The most notable activities we completed were a casualty evacuation and our hike up Mount van Dyke. For the casualty evacuation we were given a medical scenario and we had to work together in order to treat the patient and evacuate them to medical professionals. Overall, the camp was lots of fun and I gained lots useful knowledge about first aid and other cadet activities." - **Ashton Grice**



Please contact Lt Caston if you would like to join or just want to come and see what the cadets involves. The 425 ACU parade is on Wednesday nights from 4-7pm and students must be turning 13 years old this year to join.

Lt Caston: rosemary.caston@tatachilla.sa.edu.au

LT(ACC) Phair

OFFICER COMMANDING 425 ACU TATACHILLA



SPORTS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS:

Emma Charlton for representing South Australia in the U16 AFL team competing in the national championships over the holidays. South Australia beat Victoria Metro in Melbourne by 32 points and then went on to beat Western Australia in Perth by 29 points. Emma was a prominent player during the tournament, earning a 3rd best on field for the game against Victoria and a scoring a goal against Western Australia. As a result of their wins, the girls were awarded U16 National Champions.

Penny Douglass for being selected to represent South Australia at the National 12 and under Girls Basketball Championship. The championship will be held in Perth, Western Australia from 19 to 25 August.

Joel Foody, Madeleine Short, Mabel Mills and Macie Parker who have been selected in the Onkaparinga South District Football teams to compete in the SAPSASA Metro State Carnival from 17 - 19 May.

Max Tresidder for competing in the Men's Gymnastic State Championships last weekend. Max won State Champion on High Bar and Overall Runner Up Level 5 Open State Champion.

Hayden Byrne, Jayden Smith, Harper Greer, Connor Gill, Molly Wright, Penny Douglass, Xavier Lucas and Declan Maasdorp for being selected in the Onkaparinga South District Cross Country Team. The team will compete in the Cross Country State Championships on Thursday 8 June at Oakbank Race Course.

Molly Walker, Jack Walker and Tom Ainsworth for competing in the National Age Championships for swimming in the Gold Coast. Molly won two silver medals in the 17 year old girls 400m freestyle and 800m freestyle with a great PB and a 4th in the 200m freestyle. Jack swam in the 800m freestyle coming away with a huge PB and 10th place in the country for 16 year old boys. Tom won a bronze medal in the 12-13 year old 50 butterfly multi-class, a 5th place in Australia for the 12-13 year old 50 freestyle and 100m freestyle multi-class, and 12th in Australia for the 12-15 year old 200m freestyle multi-class event. Congratulations on these very impressive results.

Kiera Tucker, Juno Worth and Grace Syvertsen were selected in the Onkaparinga South SAPSASA District team to compete at the Metro Swimming State Championships.

Kadie-Lee Davidson and Alannah Munzberg were selected as part of the Onkaparinga South SAPSASA District team and attended the SAPSASA Softball Carnival held between 3 - 5 April. The team progressed to the grand final against the APY Lands team and after a competitive game, their team came away with a silver medal.



SAPSASA CRICKET

On Wednesday 12 April, the Year 5/6 Cricket team travelled to All Saints for round one of the SAPSASA Knockout Competition. In the first match the boys met McLaren Vale Primary. The boys fielded well and then successfully made McLaren Vale's run total in less than half of the overs.

The second game was played against All Saints. The game was very close and the match was won with the final ball. The students were all very excited following their win and showed their gratitude to the other team for a nail-biting match. Many thanks to Mr Tommy Scott for organising and helping the students. Thanks also to **Will McAvaney** and **Zeb Sinclair** (Year 11 Advanced Athlete Development Program students) for coaching the students. **Bailey Baldock** and **Macklin Baldock** should also be thanked for assisting with scoring and umpiring on the day. The Year 5/6 Cricket team will now progress through to round two which will be played in term four against Nazareth.



calendar DATES

Term 2 Week 3

Monday 15 - Friday 19 May

Year 4/5 Swimming Week
National Volunteer Week

Tuesday 16 May

Year 7/8 HASS Exhibition
Excursion: Youth Environment Leaders
Program Forum

Wednesday 17 May

Years 7-12 Chapel, 9am
Incursion: Uncle Tamaroo talk,
EcoClassroom Sanctuary

Thursday 18 May

Excursion: Years 7/8 and Years 9/10
Zone Netball
Incursion: Years 7-10 Big Science
Competition

Friday 19 May

College Tour, 9.30am
JS Chapel, 8.55am
Incursion: Year 11 Flinders Uni
STEM - roller coasters

Term 2 Week 4

Monday 22 - Friday 26 May

Year 6 Canberra Tour
R - 5 and Year 7: Life Ed Van

Monday 22 May

Excursion: Year 11 Boys AFL

Tuesday 23 May

Year 7/8 vaccinations

Wednesday 24 - Friday 26 May

Year 12 Outdoor Ed Bushwalking Camp

Wednesday 24 May

Years 7-12 Chapel, 9am
JS Assembly, 2.35pm
Excursion: Stage 2 Legal Studies,
Parliament House
Year 8 Life Ed Seminar

Thursday 25 May

Instrumental Soiree - drum and guitar,
4.30pm

Friday 26 May

National Sorry Day
JS Chapel, 9am
Excursion: Year 4 Karna Cultural
Living Centre

Saturday 27 May

National Reconciliation Week begins

Term 2 Week 5

Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June

National Reconciliation Week

Monday 29 May

R-7: Life Ed Van

Tuesday 30 May

Excursion: Years 7/8 Girls Soccer

Wednesday 31 May

R-12 Assembly, 9am

Thursday 1 June

Excursion: Years 7/8 Boys and Girls
Basketball

Friday 2 June

JS Chapel, 9am
Years 7-12 Assembly - Indigenous
speaker Scott Darlow

TERM DATES >

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

COLLEGE CALENDAR >

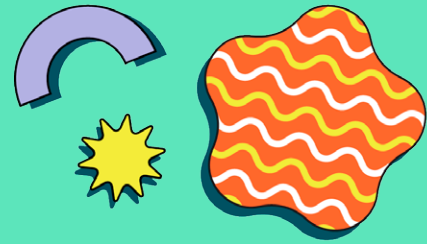
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Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

Hello to all our OSHC Families

Well the school holidays Rocketeers IX has come and gone with the Signature Sandwich Making, Mario Movie and Handball Competition being the Standout Activities. Zara Martinsen took out the Rocketeers Handball Championship on Friday April 21st and compete in the State Championships on Sunday May 7th; watch this space when we announce the South Australian Handball winner in our next Newsletter.

Our First week back has been Our Very Own Book Week, with the children really getting into writing their stories, illustrating them and making some brilliant eye catching Jacket Covers. Week 2 is all about Mother's Day with heaps of Art and Craft just for our mums.

Week 3 is the ever popular Lucky Dip programme, which has been requested by the children, where we write down suggestions for activities, both inside and outside, and have one of the children pick one out for the ASC Session each day.

I hope all our families had a wonderful holiday break, rested up and we are all set for Term 2.

We are looking forward to a great Term 2, with our Reconciliation Week in the later part of this month and Our Big Art Fortnight in June. Will tell more as these 2 special events draw closer....

Take care and stay safe everyone.

Lin (Coordinator)

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.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.



Activities coming

Week 1: Our very own Book Week

Week 2: Mother's Day Art and Craft

Week 3: Your Week as suggested by the children

What's on the menu

Pita bread w/ salsa and cheese

Mixed sandwiches

Crackers and cheese

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