

tatachilla NEWS



Term 2 Week 6 | Thursday 8 June 2023



from the acting head of **JUNIOR YEARS**

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

When I was in high school in the 90s, I was fortunate to have a passionate History and Legal Studies teacher who explored the High Court's 1992 Mabo judgment with our class. The myth that Australia was 'terra nullius' was dispelled. The Native Title Act was passed the following year. I remember my teacher explaining that this was a pivotal point in Australian history, and he was right.

The importance of National Reconciliation Week cannot be overstated. It provides a platform for all Australians to come together, acknowledge the past, and work towards a future where the past injustices are acknowledged, and all individuals are treated with respect and equality. It is a week filled with events, conversations, and activities that promote understanding, healing, and a shared sense of belonging.

In the Junior School last week, the children participated in activities, shared songs, and listened to stories to help build a deeper understanding of First Nations culture and the challenges faced.

Student reflections from 6MIKE:

Part of reconciliation is saying sorry and finding a way to move forward together – **Jess**.

It means no matter what your skin colour is; you should still be treated the same as everyone else and have the same opportunities – **Ryan**.

National Reconciliation Week is about recognising what happened, First Nations peoples had been here for many thousands of years, but the land was taken from them. We said it was 'terra nullius,' and that wasn't true – **Annie**.

Scott Darlow was great, and he performed really well. We listened to some of his songs afterward. One of the verses in his song was about First Nations people seeing the white colonists coming, and they freaked out. They were scared, they hadn't seen white people before – **Ryan**.

The conclusion of National Reconciliation Week brought forth an incredibly special chapel experience for our students. We had the privilege of welcoming Scott Darlow, a Yorta Yorta man, renowned activist, and singer/songwriter, to our school. Scott's presence, wisdom, and musical talent created a transformative experience for our children as he shared his culture and profound messages of racial tolerance and harmony.

Scott captivated the audience during chapel with his powerful words and soulful music. He spoke passionately about his personal hero, Jesus, and how if we all lived as Jesus did, there would be no need today for reconciliation.

Ms Lindee Hopkins

ACTING HEAD OF JUNIOR YEARS



National Reconciliation Week in the Junior School

from the acting head of **JUNIOR YEARS**



National Reconciliation Week in the Junior School

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

I am delighted to announce that during Week 4's assembly, two exceptional students were recognised and celebrated for their outstanding achievements and exemplary attitudes.

Benjamin Williams (5MCAT) and **Lily VanHaaster** (5SCOT) were awarded Excellence Awards for their contributions to our Junior School community. We extend our warmest congratulations to both Benjamin and Lily on receiving their awards.

Ms Lindee Hopkins
ACTING HEAD OF JUNIOR YEARS



Excellence Award winners Benjamin and Lily

from the JUNIOR YEARS

YEAR 6 CANBERRA TOUR

In Week 4 our Year 6 cohort travelled to Canberra for a week to explore the history, culture and activities on offer at our nation's capital. Students have reflected on this incredible week below:

The War Memorial is a significant place because it tells us about the war, and how soldiers fought for our freedom here in Australia. When I was there, I felt very sad for the soldiers who lost their lives, but also very interested in the wars and the places around the world that people had fought. The memorial for the unknown soldier was very interesting too. It was dedicated to the soldiers whose bodies have never been recovered. **Chloe Oniszk**

Questacon was amazing! As soon as you walk in, you see bright and colourful things moving around. Once we went up the stairs, we saw each little section, which is focused on different things. For example, level 5 was about building, like creating stop motions, paper aeroplanes and making helicopter-style planes. Level 7 had a throw and kick test to see how fast you could do those skills; the big hanging drop, where you would fly down the slide once you let go of the bar; and the shop had lots to look at and to buy from too. Questacon is a significant place because it shows how significant learning and technology is. **Jensen Guthleben**

At the Australian Institute of Sport we had the opportunity to see what's inside the AIS. We had the privilege to meet some of the people that work and train there. They took us into the games room and we got to try so many cool things like playing basketball, wheelchair racing, snowboarding and bike riding. **Charlotte Prestwood**

The Governor General's House was amazing! It was originally an old farm house so when you walked in, the two rooms on the left were part of the original house. Five of the paintings in the house are worth over 1 million dollars and the frames of all of the paintings are gold plated. The Governor General always has guards with him wherever he goes, and he is not allowed to drive himself anywhere. The Governor General's job is to represent the Queen/King and to sign things on their behalf. You can get in that position if the Prime Minister elects you. If you are elected, you are higher than the Prime Minister! **Alannah Munzberg**

Old Parliament House is significant because in all the offices in the rooms, they have left it exactly how it was when people actually worked there a long time ago. There were interactive screens so we could do activities on them, and find out stories about Prime Ministers and Australian history. We had to wear gloves so nothing would get damaged. We looked at some banners, some supporting particular groups of people having a voice. There was lots of meaning to it, and it showed how Australia has changed over time. **Isla Hockham**

ANZAC Parade is a long stretch of road that has red rocks dividing the two lanes and has many statues of soldiers who served in the war. It is a street of remembrance. There are statues and memorials for World War 1, World War 2, and the Vietnam War. There are also statues that commemorate the many animals that fought in the war. **Harry Butler**

Ms Emily Mikulcic, Mr Jamie Davidson and Mrs Suzanne Vile
YEAR 6 TEACHERS



The Year 6 Canberra Tour

from around the **CAMPUS**

TATACHILLA VIRTUOSO HITS THE HIGH NOTES ON AND OFF THE TRACK

Eight-year-old Tatachilla Lutheran College student, **Mocha Fenton**, has always been a trailblazer. He learned how to ride a bike before he learned how to walk.

Now Mocha is about to hit the international stage in a big way, having been invited to give his first ever piano concert at Royal Albert Hall in June and then compete as a junior cyclist in the UCI BMX World Championships in August.

His mother, Helen, is as excited as she is amazed by her multi-gifted son, whose musical ability is matched only by his prowess on the BMX track.

"Mocha has always been an adventurous and passionate boy who invests his whole heart into everything he tries," says Helen.

"We're a bit in awe of his energy and talent for both music as well as sport... but then Mocha is a beautiful blend of two amazing worlds, just as his name suggests."

The Fenton family will fly into London next month so that Mocha can perform his piano solo – 'Undercover Blues' by English composer Victoria Proudler – on the grand piano at Royal Albert Hall on 19 June.

Mocha has only been learning to play the piano for one year.

The performance will be part of an international piano competition designed to celebrate living composers. It will feature the talents of more than 40 young pianists aged between 5-17 who have been hand-picked to perform from all over the world, including the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, France, Ukraine, Italy, Poland, China and Australia.

Mocha will not be alone at Royal Albert Hall: he will be joined by fellow Tatachilla Lutheran College student, 15-year-old Henry Pritchard, who has also been invited to perform on the hallowed concert stage for the first time. Henry will be playing 'Blue Lagoon' by composer Nikki Iles.

Following the Royal Albert Hall performance, the Fentons will then find themselves on the way to Glasgow, where Mocha will compete in two international BMX racing events – the boys' cruiser event and the 20-inch challenge event – as part of the 2023 World BMX Championships on 3-13 August.

The dizzying pace of life for Mocha and his family began last year, when Mocha placed fifth in Australia for his age group in the BMX trials leading up to the world championships.

The Fenton's high-velocity lifestyle shows no signs of slowing down any time soon, with Mocha expressing a desire to compete in BMX racing at the Brisbane 2032 Summer Olympics.

"We're just going with the flow and enjoying the ride," says mum Helen with a smile.

"The next few months will be packed full of airport visits, rehearsals, training and sightseeing – it's going to be a bit frenetic but we plan to embrace the whole experience."

Helen believes that Mocha's piano teacher at Tatachilla Lutheran College – the award-winning soloist, examiner and concert director Urszula Gruszecki – as well as his expert BMX coaches and sponsors have been instrumental not only in Mocha's success but also his enduring love of both music and sport.



Mocha has a very strong affinity for Mrs Gruszecki, whom he describes as both kind and very talented. She offers him much encouragement and motivation.

"Mrs Gruszecki is very caring and always helps me... I like the pieces she chooses for me and one day I want to play as well as she does... she is amazing and one of my favourite teachers at school."

The respect is clearly mutual.

Mrs Gruszecki says: "Mocha excels in musicality and imagination... he has a deep love for the piano and his musicianship skills are at a high level for his tender age."

"It does not necessarily surprise me that Mocha is gifted at both piano and cycling, as both disciplines require stamina, coordination, rhythm and deep commitment."

"I am really looking forward to seeing both Mocha and Henry play at Royal Albert Hall and will be brimming with pride in the audience."

While not new to overseas travel – Mocha already has an enviable passport brimming with trips to Hong Kong, Japan, Fiji, Malaysia and Singapore – Mocha is very excited to visit Disneyland Paris and celebrate his ninth birthday in Glasgow on 15 August.

And what of returning home to normal life?

Mocha says he is keen to get back to school – a place he loves – and be with his friends again, kicking the soccer ball around, jumping in the pool, spending time at the local BMX circuit and learning new music.

"Tatachilla Lutheran College has given Mocha access to world-class musical teaching that has cultivated his curiosity, enabled him to express himself creatively, tapped into the particular way that he learns and instilled in him a lifelong love of music," mum Helen says.

"Mocha is surrounded by strong and supportive Tatachilla community that encourages connection, friendship and giving back."

"We are excited to see him pursue his musical education at the college and possibly explore an elite sports pathway through Tatachilla's Advanced Athlete Academy when he reaches middle school."

"As they say in the music world, life is accelerando at the moment, but we wouldn't have it any other way."

Read more about [music tuition](#) at Tatachilla and the college's [Advanced Athlete Academy](#).

from the **ECO AND FIRST NATIONS TEAM**

RECONCILIATION WEEK AND THOMAS READETT MURAL

This year Reconciliation Week held events, projects, and discussions across the College.

A highlight across the week was a very special extra three-day visit from Thomas Readett. Thomas worked with Middle and Senior School art students to create a beautiful mural inspired by the College's EcoSanctuary. The mural will be installed in the Senior School.

Many thanks to Tom Readett, the students involved, Steed Carter, and Harriet Geater-Johnson for making this happen.

PLANTING WEEK

This year hundreds of local native plants are being added to our EcoClassroom Sanctuary by students from Junior School, plus some extra projects with the Middle School EcoRangers and Senior School Conservation Ecosystem Management and Horticulture students.

As the Sanctuary is getting so well established we are planting mostly grasses, ground-covers and sedges (grasses which prefer damp and swamp areas), plus some trees.

Most of the plants this year were grown by the EcoRangers, from seeds collected within the sanctuary itself.

The animals here in the sanctuary are going to love the habitat all those plants will provide.



Junior School Planting Week

CEM AND HORTICULTURE

Our Certificate II Conservation Ecosystem Management and Horticulture students headed to Lot 50-Kanyanyapilla for their assessment in Maintain Cultural Places unit.

The day included a tour with Gavin Malone looking at this unique real life example of bi-cultural, ecological and cultural regeneration very close to the College in McLaren Vale. Students were particularly impressed with the 4-hectare remnant reed swamp and remnant sedge lands.

Part of the day allowed the students to learn about equipment and processes of management, plus get hands-on and help look after some of the re-vegetation and plantings across the special site.

Ms Dani Austin, Ms Katie Hollis, Mr Steed Carter and Mr Tim Leggatt

ECO AND FIRST NATIONS TEAM



CEM students at Lot 50



Thomas Readitt and students creating our mural

SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 7/8 BASKETBALL

Last Thursday the Year 7/8 girls' and boys' basketball teams travelled to Morphett Vale Basketball Stadium, to compete in round 1 of the SSSA Statewide Schools Competition.

The boys played two full matches against Willunga and Investigator College. In the first match against Willunga the boys were a little slow to start. Going into the second half, they were up by a few points, and gradually grew in confidence. The result for match one was Tatachilla 63 to Willunga 27. Going into game two against Investigator College, the boys were more confident, after the recent win and played better together. Every single player had an incredible game, and contributed to the win, with **Hudson Boal** scoring 41 points. The Year 7/8 basketball team will now have the opportunity to play for the State Championship on Wednesday in Week 9.

Student coaches: **Ethan Szalai, Samuel Selfe, Max Thompson**

The girls played four matches against Investigator, Wirreanda, Victor Harbor and Woodcroft. They improved in their defensive pressure as the day progressed and played some extremely skilful basketball. In the first match **Gracy Woodhouse** shot a winning foul shot against Investigator by 1 point 17-16. In the second game the girls were a little slow to start against Wirreanda. The girls really lifted their energy and increased their defensive pressure to come away with a convincing win with many players contributing to the final team score of 25-6. The third match saw Tatachilla take on Victor Harbor, working beautifully together to come away with the win; 17-11. Our final match was always going to be the toughest against Woodcroft who also had not lost a match. Both teams fought extremely hard with the match coming down to a nail biting finish where unfortunately Woodcroft won by two points. This was a very talented team of girls who combined well together, but unfortunately did not progress through to state finals this year.

Thank you to **Mikayla Douglas** and **Abigail Cook** (senior student girls' coaches) and **Ethan Szalai, Samuel Selfe, Max Thompson** (senior student boys' coaches) for giving up their lunchtimes and their day to share their knowledge and passion for the game. Thank you also to Steed Carter who is a huge support for these coaches and all basketball teams at Tatachilla.

YEAR 7/8 GIRLS SOCCER

On Tuesday 30 May the Year 7/8 girls' soccer team travelled to Cornerstone to play against Underdale High and Unity College. The team, coached by **Rebecca Evans, Paige Hays** and **Mikayla Clarke-Young** and lead by captains **Kezia Thiel** and **Anna Wright**, worked beautifully together, sharing the goal scoring in attack and preventing the other teams from scoring, with only two goals scored against them in defence. The team now progress to round 2.

Goal scorers were **Anna Wright** (5), **Alice Fisher** (5) **Lola Madgett** (4) **Georgie Costello** (1) **Cerys Llewelyn-Jones** (1) **Kezia Thiel** (1).

Thank you to **Jordan Holmes** for assisting with lines and refereeing and to Darren Vile and Tim Foulkes for overseeing coaching and supervising on the day.



SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 5/6 SAPSASA NETBALL

The Year 5/6 SAPSASA knockout netball team played on Wednesday 31 May at home. Our first game was against Willunga Primary School who were strong to start but quick passes by Penny into the goal circle to Isla ensured a substantial lead of 14-1. Good mid court support from Grace, Anni and Chloe and a strong defence from Ruby and Charlotte saw a 28 – 2 score at half time. The team did not slow down and good circle movement by Mabel and Penny saw us winning 43-9. The next game was against McLaren Vale Primary School. Tatachilla had a fast start to the game with Penny's quick movement and sharp shooting by Isla saw an 11 -1 first quarter. A great defensive game by Charlotte and Ruby saw McLaren Vale scoreless with the score at half time 17-1. McLaren Vale had an excellent 3rd quarter out-scoring Tatachilla 3-4. The team rallied together with Milla working hard as centre to help us win 28-10 and progress to the next round. Thank you very much to coaches Amity and Lilly and the support of parents and grandparents.

Players: **Madeleine Short, Charlotte Prestwood, Milla Greer, Ruby Madgett, Chloe Hammerstein, Annabelle Hockey, Grace Syvertsen, Penny Douglass, Isla Hockham, Mabel Mills.**

Umpires: **Nicola Hollitt** and **Stella Hockham.**



YEAR 7/8 KNOCKOUT NETBALL

The Year 7/8 knockout netball team played their first round of the competition on Tuesday 6 June. They played against St Michael's College and Westminster School, both very strong competitors. While our talented team of netballers gave both games their all, they lost both games and will not advance to the next round. Well done to the players for their persistence, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Thank you to the Year 10 coaches Bella and Nicola, for your mentorship of the players throughout the season.

Players: **Bella Schutz, Kirra True, Harper Matthews-Moore, Kayla Paterson, Alisha Douglass, Nara Weber, Isabelle Cameron, Phoebe Robinson, Grace McAvaney.**

Assistant Coaches: **Bella McAvaney, Nicola Hollitt**

Coach: Tracy McAvaney

OPEN GIRLS NETBALL

The open girls' netball team played incredibly strong games last week in their round 1 competitions against Cardijn and Mary MacKillop. The girls worked well together achieving important early leads which extended throughout their games.

There were some fantastic plays from defence through the mid court and into our goalies throughout the games. Each individual player showed great ability, effort and attitude. Tatachilla provided intense pressure causing numerous turn-overs with goals scored and rewarding players for their efforts. The open girls' team now progress to round 2 of the knockout competition.

Tatachilla defeated Cardijn: 69-35

Tatachilla defeated Mary MacKillop: 82-32

Players: **Bella Broadstock, Abby Stock, Lilly Wiggins, Amber Ellis, Jemma Fulton, Grace Deacon, Bella Kolencik, Emily Hart, Kaysha Dellow**

Absent: **Tayla Smith**

Coach: Jenna Fowler



SPORTS NEWS

ZONE NETBALL

On Thursday 18 May our Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 girls division 2 netball teams travelled to SUNA to compete in a Round Robin Zone Competition. The Year 7/8 team consisted of **Amarli Huebner, Amelia Perry, Asher Vaninetti, Bailey Gill, Charli Foody, Lucie Skrokov, Mylie Anderson, Peyton Burgess, Sophie Greer and Tahlia Hicks**. The 7/8 girls played some really good netball, and saw some very close matches. Overall they came away with one win, showing great teamwork and making their coaches proud. The Year 9/10 team consisted of **Kaysha Dellow, Mia Heath, Emma Carpenter, Georgia Ellis, Ruby Hutchesson, Tayla Young, Jade Ellis, Jasmine Fulton, Sienna Lawrence and Eleanor Kelly**. Despite facing some tough competitors, our girls maintained a positive attitude and showed improvement throughout the day. All the girls showcased their best abilities and supported each other, even though they only came away with one win for the day.

Thank you to our senior student coaches **Chloe Klingner, Jemma Fulton, Jasmine Fulton and Jessica Noy** for assisting with training both in the lead up, and with coaching the teams on the day, and to staff Ally Moore and Zoe Edwards for supervising on the day.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Charlotte Prestwood, Portia Rhodes, Chloe Hammerstein, Annabelle Hockey, Isla Hockham, Ruby Madgett, Grace Syvertsen and Penny Douglass** who have been selected to represent Onkaparinga South District at the Metro Netball SAPSASA State Carnival on 21st - 23rd June.

Congratulations to **Kadie-Lee Davidson** who has been selected in the 12 and under State Softball Team to compete in the national championship held in Adelaide in November.

Congratulations to our College golfer's who competed in the Secondary Golf Championships held at The Vines on Monday 22 May. **Summer Thomas** finished with 94 off the stick and 34 points which gave her tied 3rd but moved to 4th on a countback. **Bejay Thomas** shot 92 (nett 79) which placed him 8th off the stick and 10th after handicap. **Tyson Hollitt** finished 14th with 27 points.

Congratulations to **Joel Foody, Madeleine Short, Mabel Mills and Macie Parker** who competed in the Onkaparinga South District Football teams at the Metro State Carnival on 17th - 19th May. The girls' team came away with a silver medal in division 1 and the boys' team finished equal 4th.

Congratulations to **Emma Charlton and Kaysha Dellow** who have been selected in the 15 and under AFL state team to compete in the School Sport Australian Championships held in Ballarat in July.

Congratulations to **Lachlan Dennis** who travelled with the Southern Tigers Basketball team to Ballarat to take part in the national championships. The team won in their age category and are the 16 and under national champions.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Due to the increasing interest in this sport the SSSA Mountain Bike Championships were held over two days at Sturt Gorge on 11th - 12th May. Tatachilla entered five teams into the events.

Year 5/6 boys team: **Patrick Cameron, Flynn Newbold and Eli Keynes**. Although they didn't get a placing on the day, they worked well together to complete nine laps of the track.

Year 7/8 boys' teams:

Jax Hansen, Oscar Wiggins and Travis Sparrow placed 41st completing eight laps of the track.

Jed Rodda, Haiden McGowan and Levi Miles placed 43rd also completing eight laps of the track.

Fletcher Armstrong and Tyson Hollitt placed 64th completing seven laps of the track.

Year 9/10 boys' team: **Patrick McDonald, Ozi Graham and Samuel Carpenter** came away with the best result of the day: 10th place completing 10 laps of the track.

Thank you to parents for transporting and supporting students on the day.

calendar DATES

Term 2 Week 7

Monday 12 June

Public Holiday: King's Birthday

Tuesday 13 June

Year 10 vaccinations

Mid-year Reception intake orientation visit

Excursion: Year 2 Marine Discovery Centre

Wednesday 14 - Friday 16 June

Scholastic book fair

Wednesday 14 June

Year 7-12 Chapel, 9am

JS Assembly, 2.35pm

Excursion: Year 7/8 boys soccer

Excursion: Year 9/10 science and engineering challenge

Excursion: Year 11/12 boys' basketball

Excursion: Year 5/6 boys and girls soccer

Japan Tour information night, 5.45pm

Thursday 15 June

Excursion: Montessori Biggest Morning Tea

Excursion: Year 9/10 girls netball

Excursion: Year 9/10 boys' soccer

Excursion: Japanese Quiz Day

Careers Expo, 3.30pm - 7pm, gym

EcoRangers animal trapping and monitoring night

Friday 16 June

JS Chapel, 9am

Year 7-12 House meeting and BBQ lunch

TERM DATES >

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COLLEGE CALENDAR >

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