

tatachilla NEWS



Term 3 Week 2 | Thursday 3 August 2023



from the **PRINCIPAL**

Term 3 has begun with great excitement and expectation.

As I write this newsletter, our new 2024 Year 7 students are touring the College as part of their transition visit. These students and their parents come to the College with great hope and expectation. Their parents share our vision and mission that through a Tatachilla Lutheran College education, your child will live love, grow, and learn for a fulfilling life and a better world.

Your children and the world deserves no less.

This week we have been proud to host students from China visiting our classrooms to experience life in an Australian school. Our international students have been experiencing lessons in class with their assigned buddies, participating in EcoClassroom activities, and enjoying our magnificent College play areas. Their visit is an integral component of developing students' global citizenship.

Global citizenship enables our students to develop the capabilities and confidence to understand the past, to shape their future. Students identify with global issues, which will equip them with the knowledge and ability to be proactive in making a positive difference in the world.

During the term break, college staff engaged in professional development activities, including wellbeing and trauma-response practice. The PD aimed to develop an enhanced understanding of trauma, in order for the College to develop a framework to support children and young people experiencing trauma.

For our Year 12 and senior students undertaking their SACE, this is the last full term of study before exams and the final submission of assignments. I encourage all senior students to prioritise studies over work and co-curricular activities and to ask their teachers for help if required.

In conclusion, I reflect on the words of Psalm 34 in Scripture, which invites us to *taste and see the goodness of the Lord*.

We are blessed to work and study at Tatachilla Lutheran College. As the first breath of spring dawns on our college, we are blessed to taste and see all of God's goodness. I offer every blessing to you and your families.

Mr Noel Mifsud
PRINCIPAL



2024 Year 7 students joining us for their transition visit



from the acting head of **JUNIOR YEARS**

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3!

I hope your children had a wonderful break, and I'm looking forward to continuing this term in the acting Head of Junior Years role while John Dow continues his leave.

I'd like to extend an extra special welcome to all the families and children who joined us for their first day of school last Monday in RKELE. We're thrilled to have you as part of our Reception mid-year intake, a uniquely play-based program that supports our young learner's social and emotional development. Through play, the children learn valuable skills such as cooperation, empathy, communication and the opportunity to develop self-regulation. These foundational skills will serve them well as they progress through their schooling and beyond.

The Reception mid-year intake also provides a fantastic opportunity to experience various aspects of school life. This includes getting acquainted with school routines and the learning environment and becoming part of our warm and welcoming Reception Centre community. By immersing themselves in this nurturing atmosphere, they can feel more confident and comfortable as they prepare for the Reception year.

Additionally, the program aims to lay the groundwork for early literacy and numeracy skills. Children naturally begin to explore language, storytelling and mathematical concepts by engaging in different forms of play. This playful approach to learning creates a strong foundation for their academic journey. I have been delighted to witness the joy and enthusiasm the children have shown as they explore their new school environment.



SUNSMART HAT POLICY REMINDER

Tatachilla Lutheran College is a SunSmart school. As such, it is a requirement for all students and staff to wear hats from the beginning of Term 3. According to the guidelines provided by SunSmart, sun protection is recommended when the UV level is 3 or above. Data shows only a few days in Term 3 where the UV level falls below 3. Hence, wearing hats daily, regardless, is of utmost importance to instil the habit of sun protection in our children. We appreciate the support of families in this matter.

IMPORTANT DATES

Week 3	Year 6 swimming
Week 4	National Science Week
Week 5	Book Week
Monday 21 August	Bake a Book Competition for Book Week
Friday 25 August	Book character dress up day
Friday 25 August	Junior School disco
Tuesday 29 August	R-3 student-led conferences
Wednesday 30 August	Father's Day breakfast R-12 Chapel
Tuesday 5 September	4-6 student-led conferences
11 – 13 September	Year 4 Camp
21 – 22 September	Year 3 Camp
Friday 29 September	Bless the Animals and Challenge for Charity

Ms Lindee Hopkins
ACTING HEAD OF JUNIOR YEARS



from the **JUNIOR YEARS**

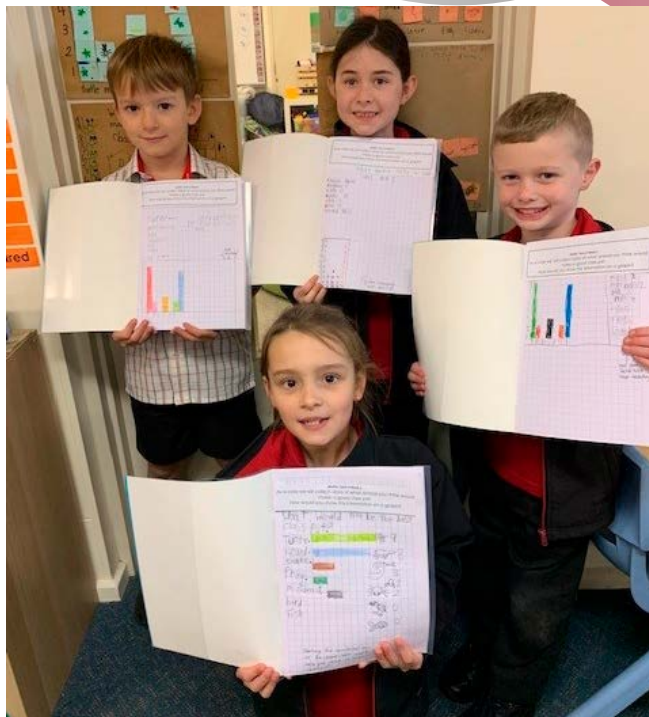
YEAR 2s DIVE INTO MATHS

Let's dive into the exciting world of Maths in Year 2! Our students eagerly embrace maths to explore, debate, challenge, justify, explain, problem-solve, and reflect on concepts in various ways. Mathematics opens a world of multiple perspectives and strategies, where children engage in number talks, collaborate in pairs or groups, utilise pictorial representations, and analyse numerical data. It's crucial to remember that Maths is not just about finding right or wrong answers; it is a fundamental tool for understanding and navigating our world.

In a recent class activity, our students enthusiastically engaged in a lively discussion about the perfect class pet and how to determine the best option. The children decided how to record and collect data, with the criteria that each child's opinion was required. Seeing the children actively organising their data systematically and inclusively was truly impressive.

Gathering and analysing data to determine the most favoured class pet aligns with the skills and concepts our children explore in the Writer's Workshop of persuasive writing. This powerful connection between data analysis and persuasive writing allows our students to apply critical-thinking skills and develop a deeper understanding of how data can effectively support and strengthen their arguments. It also encourages them to consider different perspectives and write thoughtfully and convincingly.

Mrs Marlise Gersch and Mrs Tracey Alderman
YEAR 2 TEACHERS



100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

The Year 1 children had a wonderful day celebrating 100 days of school on Monday 31 July. During the year, the children in 1NORTH have kept track of the school days using a tally system. Each day the children have been calculating the days and working out how many days it is until their 100 days of school.

The children and teachers dressed up as if they were 100 years old. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and excitement of the children as they entered the classroom as old people. One even bought in a walking frame to help her walk!

Throughout the day the children read stories about 100 days of school, wrote about being 100 years old and sorted 100 objects by counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Mrs Jayne Thelning and Mrs Megan Norman
YEAR 1 TEACHERS



from the **COUNSELLING TEAM**

SCHOOL REFUSAL

A warm welcome back to Tatachilla for Semester 2. As students re-engage on this journey of learning and growth, we want to shed light on an ever-increasing issue - school refusal. It is our shared responsibility to understand and support students who may experience school refusal so that they can fully embrace their educational journey.

UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL REFUSAL:

School refusal is not a rare occurrence, and it can be triggered by a range of factors. It is more than a simple aversion to school; rather, it is a complex issue that often stems from emotional, social, or academic stressors. Our aim is to distinguish between school refusal and truancy, as the former requires a compassionate approach that addresses the root cause of the problem.

IDENTIFYING SCHOOL REFUSAL:

Recognising school refusal can be challenging, but early detection is essential for providing timely support. Look out for the following signs:

- Persistent physical complaints: Students may frequently complain of headaches, stomach-aches, or other ailments, especially on school days.
- Excessive absences or late arrival: Regular unexplained absences or consistent lateness can indicate school refusal.
- Emotional distress: Notice any signs of increased anxiety, panic attacks, or emotional distress when school-related topics arise.
- Avoidance behaviours: Students may exhibit avoidance behaviours, such as procrastination, crying, or resistance when it is time to go to school.
- Academic deterioration: A decline in academic performance despite previous engagement may be a result of school refusal.



SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH SCHOOL REFUSAL:

At Tatachilla Lutheran College, we firmly believe in fostering a caring and supportive community. Our pastoral care teams and counsellors can help students and families navigate school refusal through the following strategies:

- Open communication: Create an open and empathetic space for students to express their concerns. Listen actively to their worries and show genuine understanding.
- Collaboration with the Pastoral team: Work closely with teachers, counsellors, and school staff to gain insights into the student's challenges and develop a personalised support plan.
- Gradual reintegration: Consider a gradual reintegration plan for severely anxious students. Speaking with us about options to attend school for shorter periods initially can ease the transition.
- Address root causes: Identify and address the underlying issues contributing to school refusal. Professional support from counsellors or therapists may be beneficial.
- Encourage positive relationships: Foster positive peer relationships and a nurturing environment to reduce social anxieties related to school.
- Positive reinforcement: Celebrate even the smallest steps forward in overcoming school refusal. Positive reinforcement can boost confidence and motivation.

CONCLUSION:

At Tatachilla, we are committed to creating an inclusive and compassionate environment where every student feels supported and valued. Together, let's work hand-in-hand to help our students overcome school refusal and fully embrace the opportunities for growth and learning that lie ahead.

Thank you for being integral partners in our students' educational journey.

The Tatachilla 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 ECO AND FIRST NATIONS TEAM

ECORANGERS TRAPPING NIGHT

Recently, the EcoRangers participated in animal trapping sessions in the EcoSanctuary. Despite the rain and the cold, the team caught several bettongs and potoroos. The rangers collected data on the animals, such as their weight, and size. The animals were also checked for microchips and any un-microchipped animals were chipped and named by the rangers. Newly named animals were Stitch, Luna and Froot.

With assistance, the rangers also checked the pouches for joeys. We are happy to report that there are plenty of jellybean joeys safely tucked away in many of the pouches which means that the population is happy in our sanctuary. One female who was caught, Coconut, did have a sore on the outside of her pouch, but after a quick trip to the vet, was given the all-clear. Coconut has now happily rejoined the EcoSanctuary mob.

The EcoRangers thoroughly enjoyed their trapping night, even with the rain, and were introduced to the skills and methods of real native animal surveys.

Ms Dani Austin, Ms Katie Hollis and Mr Tim Leggatt
ECO AND FIRST NATIONS TEAM



from the MUSIC DEPARTMENT

JAZZ BAND PERFORM AT ALMOND BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

The Tatachilla Jazz Band performed at the local Almond Blossom Festival on Saturday 29 July. Students performed a diverse set, ranging from the traditional blues, through Latin funk and music from film and tv. We were treated to solos from **Ash Wynn** on piano, our three guitarists; **Phoenix Heaft, Ashton Grice** and **Bailey Baldock**, **Helena Savarton** on saxophone, **Lincoln Williams** on drums, **Lucas Tortorelli** on bass, **Tilly Needle** on trumpet and **Isabelle Kendrick** on flute.

I was very proud of how the students handled themselves and how they have all embraced taking solos within the ensemble repertoire. Taking a solo within a jazz setting is a challenging thing to do musically as it requires students to improvise (make up the music on the spot). This is a skill we take time to work on during rehearsals to help students build confidence and skill in this area. The performances were well-received by the audience on the day. Well done to all involved!

We look forward now to our future event, the Music Showcase which will be held at the Hopgood Theatre on Wednesday 1 November.

Mr Peter Jewitt
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



SPORTS NEWS

OPEN BOYS AFL

After what seemed like an eternity, the Open Boys Football team finally got to play their second-round match against Murray Bridge High School. Although showers were scheduled throughout the week, the boys were greeted with sunny and windy conditions. Despite a few squad injuries, the boys were excited to get back on the park and Captain, **Josh Jurado** set the tone early by winning the toss and choosing to kick with a strong breeze. Plenty of scoring opportunities were presented to Tatachilla in the first quarter, however rushed decision making, and inaccurate kicking saw the score: Tatachilla: 2.5.17 to Murray Bridge: 0.2.2 at quarter time.

The missed opportunities came back to bite the boys in the second quarter with Murray Bridge kicking 5.1 to 0.0 in the first 10 minutes of the second quarter and it looked like the scoreboard could get quite ugly. To the boys' credit, they rallied and dug deep to stop anymore goals being scored for the quarter. Tatachilla also managed to score two goals against the breeze and the run of play to go into half time four points down, Tatachilla: 4.5.29 to Murray Bridge: 5.3.33.

With the breeze at Tatachilla's back in the third, the boys knew that this would be the premiership quarter and lifted to the moment. Positional changes due to injuries saw Tatachilla kick 4.2 in the third quarter and hold the opposition scoreless setting up a 22-point lead going into the last quarter, Tatachilla: 8.7.55 to Murray Bridge 5.3.33.



The boys knew that the last quarter was going to be a hard slog and applied themselves accordingly by playing the tough, team-first football that saw the boys hold on to win by 16 points and seal a semi-final berth, final score: Tatachilla: 9.9.63 to Murray Bridge: 7.5.47.

Tatachilla will now have a tough trip away to play Millicent High School with the winner progressing to the Grand Final.

Mr Daniel Krieg
COACH

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Molly Walker** who recently competed at the 2023 World Swimming Trials in Melbourne. Molly swam in tough races whilst facing some physical challenges, but still came away with 8th place in Australia for her 800m freestyle. Molly has now concluded her time at Tatachilla Lutheran College as a Year 12, fast tracking her studies to allow her to focus more on her swimming. We could not be more proud of the way that Molly has managed to balance her swimming training and competition commitments with her school studies. Molly will continue her training with the South Australian Sports Institute and we wish her all the very best for her very bright future.

Congratulations to **Madeleine Short** and **Georgina Taylor** who have been selected in the Onkaparinga South Year 5/6 girls' soccer team to represent our district at the Metro Football (soccer) State Carnival from Monday 21 August to Wednesday 23 August at Services FM Stadium, Gepps Cross.

Congratulations to **Savannah Polvere** who has been selected in the South Australian 18 and under football (soccer) team. Savannah will compete in the National Championships held in Canberra from Sunday 10 to Friday 15 September 2023.

Congratulations to **Kayla Paterson** and **Charlotte Prestwood** who have been selected in the South Australian 12 years and under netball team. The girls will compete in the National Championships held in Perth from Saturday 9 to Friday 15 September 2023.

Congratulations to **Grace McAvaney** and **Alice Fisher** who have been selected for the South Australian Cross Country team, competing in nationals in Canberra from Friday 25 - Monday 28th August.



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OPEN GIRLS NETBALL

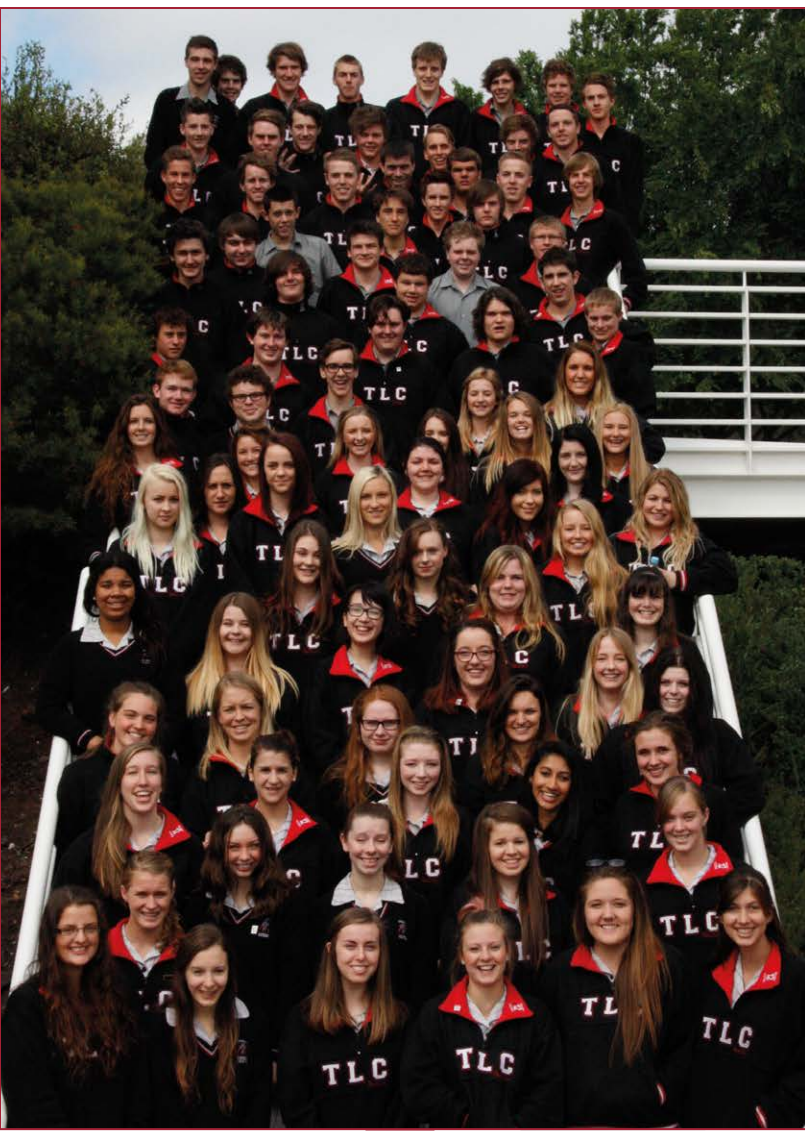
Congratulations to the Open Girls Netball team for making it to round 2 of the competition - what a fantastic effort. Unfortunately the team were defeated by a solid St Michael's team 67-38.

Tatachilla played some amazing netball to get to this stage of the competition. Unfortunately, Tatachilla started the game very rattled and found it difficult to settle into the game as the St Michael's game got stronger, the gap widened. Never giving up, the team persistently applied pressure and worked hard to move the ball into attack, unfortunately not rewarded for their efforts. In the final quarter we finally saw small passages of Tatachilla brilliance, but the gap was just too big for Tatachilla to close in the last. The team fought hard the whole game and never gave up and I commend them for that.

I would like to congratulate and thank the group of Year 12s for their contribution to open girls netball over the last 3-4 years. The following team members will be missed; **Isabella Kolencik, Bella Broadstock, Grace Deacon, Abby Stock, Amber Ellis** and **Tayla Smith**.

To the rest of the squad; **Jemma Fulton, Kaysha Dellow, Emily Hart** and **Lilly Wiggins**, I look forward to working with you over the next few years and developing our team further with a new squad.

Mrs Jenna Fowler
COACH



Class of 2013 10 year reunion

Tatachilla Lutheran College warmly invites the Class of 2013 to attend the Tatachilla Lutheran College 10 year reunion.

Saturday 19 August 2023 | 6:30pm drinks followed by dinner at The Victory Hotel, Sellicks Hill

Pay as you go event - dinner menu available, partners welcome

Bookings essential by 4pm Friday 11 August:
[Click here to book](#)

Further information: Sally Moran
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calendar DATES

Term 3 Week 3

Monday 7 August

College Tour, 9.30am
Excursion: Year 11 Rock Climbing
Incursion: AFL and Netball Refs Course

Monday 7 - Friday 11 August

Year 6 Swimming Week

Tuesday 8 August

Year 7-9 Girls' AFL

Wednesday 9 August

Year 7-12 Chapel, 9am
Excursion: Reception, Bunnings
Year 12 CRAVE Seminar

Thursday 10 August

Encounter Youth Empower
Education Program
P.A.R.T.Y Program, Flinders
Medical Centre

Friday 11 August

JS Chapel, 9am

Term 3 Week 4

Monday 14 August

Excursion: Year 5/6 Netball
Year 10/11 Interviews, Flinders Uni

Monday 14 - Friday 18 August

R-12 Australian National Science Week
2024 VET Interviews

Tuesday 15 August

Excursion: Year 6 Youth Environment
Leaders Program
Year 10/11 Interviews, Adelaide Uni
JS Assembly, 2.35pm

Wednesday 16 August

Year 7-12 Chapel, 9am
Year 10/11 Interviews, Uni SA

Friday 18 August

Excursion: Year 3 History, Old
Courthouse, Willunga
Excursion: Year 9/10 Boys and Girls
Indoor Soccer

Saturday 19 August

Class of 2013 - 10 Year Reunion

Term 3 Week 5

Monday 21 August

Excursion: Year 4 Cleland Wildlife Park
Year 7-12 IEP Meetings
Bake a Book Competition (Book Week)

Monday 21 - Friday 25 August

Book Week

Tuesday 22 August

2024 Year 7 Discovery Morning

Wednesday 23 August

Year 7-12 Chapel, 9am
Year 7-12 IEP Meetings

Friday 25 August

JS Chapel, 9am
R-12 House and Book Week Parade
JS Disco, 4.15pm / 5.30pm

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COLLEGE CALENDAR >

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Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

Hello to all our OSHC Families

It's Term 3 and Week 2. Week 1 had us Celebrating Christmas in July with lots of Christmas Art & Craft, Music, Dance & Group Games. Tuesday ASC, we had an Incursion of Movement & Dance which will be a Tuesday fortnightly event until the end of Term 3. Week 2 will have us looking after Our Health & Wellbeing & Week 3, Our Lucky Dip Week will have us doing 'Who knows what?'

I hope that those of you who attended Rocketeers X had a wonderful time, this being our very first Rocketeers Programme without Seaford Rise Primary School joining us here at Tatachilla. There were 3 excursions which as always were the Highlight for many of the children who attended on those days; and there were 5 incursions which were very well received: Water Art, decorating our very own Beanies, Bubbles Day, a Drama Session & a YoYo session which had people coming to us 😊 on the day.

I am taking time off from BSC for the foreseeable future, with Tilly Cole as the BSC Coordinator and there is a new afternoon Educator working with me, Rainer Irwin. Natasha left at the end of Term 2 after 5yrs at the service; we will miss her. Please take care & stay safe everyone & see you at OSHC

Lin and Rainer

Activities coming

Week 2: Our Health and Wellbeing

Principle's Day August 4th

Week 3: Our Lucky Dip

Tuesday fortnightly : Misfit Movement & Dance with Lauren

What's on the menu

Toasted Pita Bread with cheese cubes and Salsa

Toasted Muffins with Spaghetti and Bake Beans

Assorted fruit & Veggie

Platter every afternoon

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.



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