

# tatachilla NEWS



Term 3 Week 10 | Thursday 28 September 2023



## from the acting head of **JUNIOR YEARS**

As we wrap up an eventful Term 3 in the Junior School, I've been reflecting on the incredible experiences our students have had over the past few months. From outdoor adventures to special celebrations and farewells, there have been many highlights that have made this term so memorable. Some ventured to Mylor, Glenhaven, or El Shaddai for school camps that provided a break from routine and created lasting bonds among peers. Meanwhile, others enjoyed swimming or exploring the wonders of the animal kingdom during excursions to the zoo and cubby-building at Belair National Park.

One of the standout moments was the Father's Day breakfast and chapel service. This event has grown to be a beloved tradition in our school. The school came together to celebrate our fathers, share stories and enjoy chapel together.

Term 3 was also a time to celebrate learning. We observed Book Week with great enthusiasm, with the highlight being our lively parade led by the Year 12 students. This annual event not only encourages a love for reading but also showcases the creativity and imagination of our students. Additionally, we delved into the fascinating world of science during Science Week, fostering curiosity and discovery among our young scientists.

This week the college came together in a special assembly to express our gratitude and appreciation for Mr Mifsud's leadership. **Piper Brooks**, a talented artist among our students, gifted Mr Mifsud with a portrait she had created, showcasing the incredible creativity within our school community. **Sophie Mistiades** and **George Pritchard** delivered a warm speech and presented a farewell card containing letters written by students in the Junior School. And who could forget Mr Mifsud's memorable dance with all the Junior School students? His enthusiasm and humour will be missed in the Junior School. As Sophie said in her speech, 'we will even miss his dad jokes!'

**Ms Lindee Hopkins**  
ACTING HEAD OF JUNIOR YEARS



Noel Mifsud and student leaders, farewell assembly



Noel Mifsud and Piper Brooks, Year 3 - with portrait



from the director of

# TEACHING AND LEARNING

## LEARNING EXCELLENCE: RECEPTION TO YEAR 12

As Term 3 draws to a close, a number of recent showcases and learning events have reminded me of how rich, varied and meaningful our student learning opportunities

are at Tatachilla Lutheran College. From

Reception students sharing their habitat creations, to the Year 12 Photography Exhibition; educational excellence has been on display. Further rich and relevant learning has been evidenced by the immersive learning our students are currently experiencing, touring Japan with our sister school in Tōkyō. Personal reflections and sharing by students of their learning progress and goals in Years 7 and 8, through student-led conferences with their parents, has been another insightful example of quality learning experiences.

Last week, Reception students proudly displayed dioramas and artwork they had created based on their growing scientific knowledge of habitats and specific food, water and movement needs of chosen animals. This was ably guided by our outstanding Environmental Education Officer, Mr Timothy Leggatt, in the EcoClassroom Sanctuary that our students are so fortunate to experience.



Student-led conferences



Reception habitat exhibition

Student-led conferences were initiated in Years 7 and 8 last week, and parent attendance was pleasingly high, matched by students' capacity to reflect knowledgeably about their learning. There was a buzz in the courtyard, resulting from the opportunity to welcome parents into our school, further valuing our student/parent learning partnerships. Well done to students, staff and parents who engaged so positively in this initiative. Please read more about the Reception to Year 6 student-led conferences in Amy Watson's article on the following page.

Another excellent parent-supported event was the Year 12 Photography Exhibition held last week. The calibre of student photography on display was exceptionally high.

**Eliza Johnston** was awarded the Principal's Award for her stunning portfolio that demonstrated both creativity and excellence in editing, while **Jack Brown** won the Fleurieu Living Magazine Internship Award for a stunning array of action shots.

**Mrs Ali Thacker**

DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING R-12



Eliza Johnston, Year 12 Photography Principal's Award winner



Jack Brown, Year 12 Photography Fleurieu Living Magazine Internship Award winner



Eliza and Jack with Deputy Principal Ashley Coats

# from the JUNIOR YEARS

As an essential part of our reporting process at Tatachilla, student-led conferences (SLCs) are a unique opportunity for parents and carers to gain a first-hand experience of their child's learning journey. It was a pleasure to welcome Junior School families into our learning spaces for our SLCs earlier this term.

Progress was shared, achievements were celebrated, and students participated in joint reflection with their family members about their learning and executive function goals. Maths games, science experiments and musical activities were just some ways students imparted knowledge and showcased their skills to their special visitors.

The specialist areas (PE, Japanese, Visual Arts and Performing Arts) were hives of activity on both nights, providing families with opportunities to collaborate and playfully share learning. Duets on xylophone could be heard drifting from the activity centre, and a collaborative artwork asking "what sparks joy in your heart?" gradually took shape over in the art room.

The success of our student-led conferences truly reflects our teachers' and students' dedication and preparation. These events celebrate student growth and strengthen the bonds between school and home. They remind us that education is a collaborative journey, and that we each have an important role to play to help our children flourish.

**Mrs Amy Watson**

R-6 TEACHING & LEARNING LEADER



# from the JUNIOR YEARS

## YEAR 6 LEARNING - MIGRATION

The Year 6s have been learning through the concept of 'migration' this term. Some highlights of this learning include the interviews we conducted with people in the community who have migrated to Australia from around the world, developing our understanding about the push and pull factors of migration, and designing shelters for people who have been forced to migrate following a natural disaster. We have also started talking about our 'migration' to Middle School next year, and developing strategies to support this transition to Year 7.

### Student reflections:

We learnt about migration in Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS), and about how migration is when someone permanently moves to a different country. We presented different migration stories, based on interviews we did with people we know.

**Ryan Zimmer**

I liked learning about where my grandpa was from, why he came to Australia and the things he had there, but not here.

**Penny Douglass**

## AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE

The students were involved in a presentation from ALWS linking our Term 3 concept 'migration' and our business and economics unit. The students learnt about life for refugees and the daily struggles faced to find clean water and food. Students were also introduced to 'what's my business' which is a way of teaching students about finance, business and managing money. This unit will end with the Year 6 cohort running a Business Fair in Term 4.

### Student reflections:

I found it interesting learning how we could try to feed a family of six for one day with only \$2.50. **Noah Shaw**

We learnt about how other people are not as fortunate as us. Some people don't have toilets and can't afford medicine, and have to walk for water. I am looking forward to our 'Walk 4 Water' challenge this week. **Sophie Johnstone**



Year 6 students engaged in an ALWS activity

## SCIENCE WEEK

The theme for Science Week was innovation and the Year 6 cohort were set the challenge to design and build an emergency shelter that could be used during a flood. They had to use design-thinking to develop a lightweight, flat-folding, structurally-sound shelter for families displaced by natural disasters. Students also considered incorporating geometric shapes that add strength to structures in their design.

### Student reflections:

Science Week was a great time to experiment on building a model of an emergency shelter that could fold up.

**Sophie Mistiades**

I enjoyed building an emergency shelter because it was challenging to work it out with my group members. Ours actually turned out really well. **Elijah Day**

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



Year 6 students during Science Week

## from the **MUSIC TEAM**

### **TATACHILLA COMPOSES MUSIC FOR THE ADELAIDE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Over a series of three workshops in Weeks 9 and 10, Year 9 and 10 music students have been working with professional South Australian composer and musician Adam Page, as part of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra's *Silos and Symphonies* program.

*Silos and Symphonies* offers SA schools the opportunity to compose original musical work in collaboration with a professional composer, which will then be performed by the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra.

Tatachilla students have exercised their skills and creativity through these workshops, and composed a plethora of original musical ideas telling the dramatic tale of Jarrad the Elf, imprisoned by mischievous fairies and rescued by stoic dwarves (a story written by the students, and characters brought to life in illustration). Adam Page will now orchestrate their work in preparation for the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra to play. Congratulations to all students on their contribution to this project, we look forward to visiting the Grainger Studio in Term 4 to hear the world-premiere of their work!

**Mrs Maxine Lee-Morath**  
MUSIC TEACHER



# Class of 2003 20 year reunion

**TATACHILLA**  
lutheran college

Tatachilla Lutheran College warmly invites the Class of 2003 to attend the Tatachilla Lutheran College Old Scholars 20 Year Reunion.

**Friday 27 October 2023 | 5.00pm - 8.30pm | college gymnasium**

\$30 per ticket | champagne on arrival | gourmet cocktail food  
college tour | wine, beer and soft drinks

Bookings essential by Monday 23 October:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/tatachilla-20-year-reunion-2023>

Further information: Mrs Sally Moran: [sally.moran@tatachilla.sa.edu.au](mailto:sally.moran@tatachilla.sa.edu.au) | 8323 9588

# from the **ECO AND FIRST NATIONS TEAM**

## **YEAR 2 EXTENDED STAY**

On Tuesday of Week 8 the Year 2 classes came to the EcoClassroom Sanctuary for a twilight feeding and pizza party after their day at Adelaide Zoo. The students arrived at 5pm and devoured their pizza around the fire, with the occasional potoroo and bettong coming up to say hello. After the students' dinner it was time for the marsupials to have theirs - not pizza, but some fruit! Many of the bettongs and potoroos came out to eat and we were even lucky enough to sight the tammar wallabies. It was an incredible night and we hope all the students had an amazing time.

## **CEM TRAPPING AND OVERNIGHT**

Last week the Certificate II Conservation Ecosystem Management and Horticulture students camped overnight in the EcoClassroom Sanctuary for animal research and surveying. These activities are part of the course units in 'recognise fauna and apply animal-trapping techniques'.

We used cage traps to capture the brush-tailed bettongs in the stage 2 zone of the EcoClassroom Sanctuary - the bettongs destined for release to the wild. A total of nine brush-tailed bettongs were trapped and given a health check. Through the night the students also installed a small pitfall trap to see how many invertebrates they could catch. We ended the night relaxing around a camp fire.



CEM trapping night

## **BREAD TAG RECYCLING**

The college has initiated a new plastic bread tag recycling program. You can take your bread tags to any of the three locations below. They will head to the 'Bread Tags for Wheelchairs Campaign' where they are melted together, weighed and the money raised is put towards producing wheelchairs.

**Bread tag recycling locations:**

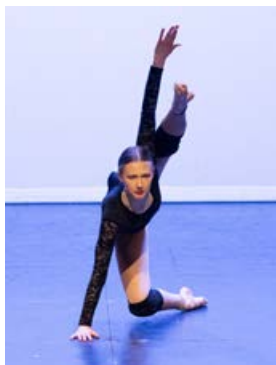
- Library 'tricky waste station' (opposite ICT)
- Junior School Office - entrance table
- Middle and Senior School Office

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



Year 2 extended stay at the EcoClassroom

# DANCE SHOWCASE



# SPORTS NEWS

## 9/10 GIRLS' INDOOR SOCCER

Congratulations to our 9/10 girls' indoor soccer team who competed in the state finals last week held at St Clair Recreation Centre. The girls got off to a fantastic start in their first match with **Evie Simmons-Sinclair** quickly scoring the first goal of the match and catching Roma Mitchell College off-guard. Roma Mitchell was unfortunately very fast to react, showing impressive attacking skills and structure that Tatachilla were unable to match.

In the second game, the team settled, playing with skill and structure against Salisbury East. **Mikayla Clarke-Young** was able to score a goal assisted by **Georgia Ellis** and **Evie Simmons-Sinclair** in attack. The defensive line worked tirelessly with **Abby Scott** (GK), **Emily Steele**, **Summer Thomas** (Captain) and **Jamiee Pearson** keeping Salisbury from scoring to win the match 1-0.

The final minor-round game was played against Underdale with Tatachilla needing the win to remain in contention for a spot in the finals. **Mikayla Clarke-Young** was able to sneak through another goal, but unfortunately, this was quickly matched by Underdale resulting in a loss for Tatachilla in a very competitive game 3-1. Tatachilla then met Seaford in the crossovers, tying for 5th place in the state. The girls should be very proud of this achievement and everyone had a great day out. Thank you to coach **Jakayla Loza** who assisted with training, coaching and encouraging the girls throughout all of the games.

**Ms Tonia Fielke**  
SPORTS COORDINATOR



Year 9/10 girl's indoor soccer team

## 7/8 GIRLS' AND BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Our Year 7/8 girls' and boys' volleyball teams spent last Friday at Reynella East playing in the Southern Zone Volleyball Competition.

Both teams displayed great sportsmanship and improved their skills throughout the day. The girls won their two finals and the boys, although unable to win a match on the day, never gave up and continued to improve as a team.

Thank you to **Tahlia Lozada** who assisted with coaching and mentoring, and to teachers; Grant Wildman and Bron McLeod for coaching the teams.

**Ms Tonia Fielke**  
SPORTS COORDINATOR



Year 7/8 girls' volleyball team



Year 7/8 boys' volleyball team

# SPORTS NEWS

## SAPSASA ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all of our Onkaparinga South District representatives who competed in the Metro Track and Field SAPSASA State Championships on Tuesday 19 September at Athletics SA Stadium. The event was attended by over 800 primary students, with Onkaparinga South winning the division 2 pennant. Congratulations to the following medal winners:

**Penny Douglass** - bronze in 1500m

**Charlotte Prestwood** - silver medal in 200m and bronze in the relay

**Jayden Smith** - gold in the 10 years 1500m and bronze in the 10 years 4 x 100m relay

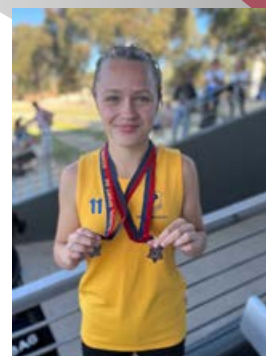
**Tess Davidson** - bronze in the 11 years 4 x 100m relay

## YEAR 5/6 SAPSASA SOCCER

On Wednesday 13 September future Matilda stars from Tatachilla travelled to Gepps Cross to compete in the state finals of the Year 5/6 SAPSASA girls soccer. They had a tough semi final against Nazareth losing 1-3. This result meant they had to play Fulham Gardens in the 3v4 play-off. Despite the warm weather, the team played with determination and skill, winning 5-2 and coming 3rd in the state. Tatachilla are so proud of their results and sportsmanship. Thank you to student coach **Rebecca Evans** and lines person **Anna Wright**. It was great to see so many family members supporting the girls.

Team members: **Annabelle Hockey, Madeleine Short, Molly Wright, Isabella Garcia, Milla Greer, Sophie Johnstone, Alexis Wilkinson, Kadie-Lee Davidson, Georgina Taylor, Penny Douglass, Ruby Madgett, London Drew, Summer McKenna, Katie Morris-Fenna, Macie Parker, Sophie Mistiades.**

**Mrs Stacey Thompson**  
COACH



## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Savannah Polvere** who has just returned from representing the South Australia school girls 18 and under team in the National Soccer tournament held in Canberra. Savannah was selected in a squad of 16 from a group of over 60 players from across South Australia. Savannah played against some of the best female footballers in the country, with some players representing the Junior Matildas team. Even though the results didn't go their way, Savannah was very grateful for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. As part of the trip, Savannah was also able to visit the Australian Institute of Sport, Parliament House and the War Memorial in Canberra.

Congratulations to **Luka Labuschagne** and **Patrick Cameron** who have been selected in the Onkaparinga South Year 5/6 boys' cricket team to represent our district at the Cricket SAPSASA State Carnival in November.

Congratulations to the state team duo, **Kayla Paterson** and **Charlotte Prestwood**, who have just returned from representing South Australia in the 12 years and under netball team in the National Netball Championships held in Perth. The girls placed 4th overall after playing 14 games over five days. The team played with a high level of skill, intensity and team-work throughout all matches. The girls enjoyed this great opportunity for their netball development and learnt so much during the trip. The team were also able to tour Optus Stadium where they were given access behind the scenes to the facilities that the athletes and media use.

# calendar DATES

## Term 4 Week 1

### Monday 16 October

Term 4 commences for all students

### Tuesday 17 October

JS Assembly, 2.35pm

### Wednesday 18 October

Years 7-12 Chapel, 9.00am

### Thursday 19 October

Excursion: Stage 1 Legal Studies visit, magistrates courts

Excursion: Year 11 Outdoor Education - kayaking

### Friday 20 October

JS Chapel, 9.00am

Incursion: Year 11 presentation by Rebekha Sharkie

Tatfest - Year 12 Film Festival, 6.30pm

## Term 4 Week 2

### Monday 16 - Friday 27 October

Reception swimming week

### Tuesday 24 October

JS Assembly, 2.35pm

### Wednesday 25 October

Discovery Day - for Year 7 2024/2025  
1.30pm - 5pm

### Thursday 26 October

Cross Country and Year 12 Colour Run

Year 12 final classes

### Friday 27 October

Year 12 Final Chapel (R-12), 9.00am

Class of 2003 - 20 Year Reunion, 5.00pm

TERM DATES >

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

COLLEGE CALENDAR >

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# Blessing of the Animals

Hahndorf Farm Barn baby animals  
at the college from 8.00am

A celebration of our love  
and gratitude for the  
animals in our lives

All pets welcome

**Friday 29  
September  
2023**

Junior School  
oval, 8.45am

## Challenge for Charity fundraiser

**Dress up theme: 'a day on the farm' (animal, person or thing!)  
Come in farmyard costume or come as yourself (casual clothes)**

**Food stalls | games and activities | Battle of the Bands**

Our Challenge for Charity fundraiser will support Krus Village in Cambodia, Ampilatawja in the Northern Territory and East African refugee camps via the Australian Lutheran World Service.

Each of these communities are embedded in our service learning program at the college.

# EcoClassroom Sanctuary

## 2023 Program: Kudlila and Wirltuti

Kudlila (approximately July, August, September) and Wirltuti (approximately October, November, December) are Kurna seasonal names (use of Kurna seasonal names approved by Kurna Warra Pintyanthi)

**Join us for our community nature craft and connection workshops at the sanctuary.**



### Designing Epic Native Gardens

Saturday 14 October | 10.00am - 3.00pm | \$50 (subsidised)

<https://www.naturefestival.org.au/event/designing-epic-native-gardens>

Want to incorporate lovely local native plants into spaces around you? This workshop with Steve from *Endemic Environments* will support you in native garden design.



### Botanical Drawing

Saturday 28 October | 10.00am - 3.00pm | \$40 (subsidised)

<https://events.humanitix.com/botanical-drawing-2023>

You'll be introduced to the art and science of botanical drawing. Get hands on and work on your own piece under the guidance and support of Gilbert Dashorst.



### Spoon Carving

Saturday 11 November | 10.00am - 3.00pm | \$90

<https://events.humanitix.com/spoon-carving-2023>

Carve your own large serving spoon from fresh green timber. You'll learn how to design a functional spoon, use an axe to remove bulk material, and carve complex shapes in three dimensions using a straight knife and hook knife.



### Lino Printing Nature Gift Cards

Saturday 18 November | 1.00pm - 4.00pm | \$30 (subsidised)

<https://events.humanitix.com/lino-print-gift-cards-2023>

Create and carve your own set of six nature inspired gift cards for the festive season or any time.

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