



tatachilla NEWS



Term 4 Week 2 | Thursday 26 October 2023



from the acting **PRINCIPAL**

TO LEAD IS TO SERVE

Welcome back to Term 4. It was wonderful seeing all our students from Reception to Year 12 returning after a refreshing break. While students were on holiday, our Property Services team was busy painting, maintaining equipment and grounds, and clearing up after fallen trees from a recent storm. Our thanks to our diligent Property Services team.

Our college believes that *to lead is to serve*. It is therefore with great pleasure that I am able to inform our community that the College Board has appointed Ms Lindee Hopkins as the new Head of Junior Years, commencing 1st January 2024 following Mr John Dow's retirement. Mr Dow has been an exceptional educator and leader in our community. Lindee not only brings extensive experience to this role, but is also extremely well credentialed with a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education, Graduate Certificate in Faith Education and a Masters in Wellbeing and Positive Mental Health. We congratulate Lindee on her appointment.

During the holidays, it was my very great pleasure to attend Government House with our college captains, **Elani Parker** and **Nathan Harwood**, for a reception with South Australia's Governor, Her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC. While several other schools' leaders were also present, I was struck by how proudly and smartly dressed our captains were, and more importantly, how beautifully they acquitted themselves with the formalities, including conversing with both Her Excellency, and the Minister for Education, Training and Skills, Mr Blair Boyer. Not only did our captains respond respectfully to questions from both dignitaries, but they confidently asked Her Excellency and Mr Blair Boyer in-depth, inquiring questions about their road to leadership. Please read Elani's reflection on the privilege of meeting them both:



College Captains Nathan Harwood and Elani Parker with Mr Blair Boyer at Government House

'I am truly honoured to have been granted the opportunity to meet Her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, South Australia's Governor, at Government House. Her attention and dedication towards us as individuals was clearly evident during the introduction and conversation where we shared about ourselves and future plans and in return asked about her role and her journey. Her enthusiasm and energy were inspiring considering her significant number of duties and she clearly remains connected and caring about her community. Through her previous occupations and roles, it was clear that she worked hard to be in her current position, however she continues to work just as hard today.'

I have always wanted the opportunity to look inside Government House and its beautiful gardens and I was amazed by the detail, care, and heritage that the grounds and the house display. It was also a pleasure to meet Her Excellency's husband Mr Bunten, as well as the Minister for Education, Mr Blair Boyer and I was surprised by how welcoming and friendly these people were despite such formality.'

from the acting **PRINCIPAL**

It was such a learning experience for me being in a completely different setting with completely different people and I was grateful for Mrs Thacker's responses to my constant questions. I feel undeserving of such a privileged experience so I would like to thank Her Excellency again for the opportunity to have a glimpse into her busy life.'

Elani Parker, college captain 2023.

Aspiring 2024 student leaders for our college have undertaken their applications and interviews as part of the selection process for next year's captains. Elani and Nathan were also on the selection panel, knowing what it feels like to have the privilege and responsibility of leadership, which they have demonstrated maturely and diligently. I wish our current students endeavouring to be leaders for 2024 every success and I thank Elani and Nathan for their leadership and service.

This is the final week that our Year 12 students will be attending the college. It is with both sadness and great pride that we farewell this wonderful cohort of students. It has been a privilege to witness the growth and educational achievements of our graduating cohort. Individually, they have all left their footprint on our college community and we are all the better for them having been here. I wish all our graduating students God's richest blessings as they pursue their chosen future pathways.

Jesus as a leader demonstrated great compassion. His leadership was marked by truth, selflessness and a commitment to serving others. To lead is indeed to serve.

In Christ,

Mrs Alison Thacker
ACTING PRINCIPAL



College captains Nathan Harwood and Elani Parker with South Australia's Governor, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC



from the acting **PRINCIPAL**

COLLEGE BRAND

We have written to our families recently informing you of exciting developments regarding our college brand and values, which, like all living things, have taken the next step in their evolution.

BACKGROUND

In 2021 the college undertook a marketing review of its brand profile and discovered that there was considerable scope to increase recognition of the college brand and culture in the wider community.

The review also highlighted an opportunity for the college to communicate a more powerful and consistent story about its values and points of difference, with a view to elevating Tatachilla's identity in an increasingly competitive and noisy educational landscape.

To address these findings, the college hosted a series of focus groups in 2022 that involved parents, teachers and students and that aimed to identify the college's authentic strengths, values and competitive advantages.

The feedback from these focus groups has since been used to inform the creation of a modified logo as well as a series of new key messages and an updated values framework that speaks to the heart of who we are.

The college executive team has since made some key decisions about what will be changing from a branding perspective in 2024 and what will remain the same as we step into a new era of growth, noting that educating our children in an inspired and faith-based environment remains core to our vision and purpose.

WHAT IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE

Given the timing of the marketing review and the launch of the new college uniform in 2021, it has been agreed that there will be no change to the following:

- our college uniform (including school bag)
- the Tatachilla cross
- our master brand colours of red, charcoal and black

WHAT IS GOING TO CHANGE

The college marketing team will shortly start the process of implementing the following:

- a modified college logo (this has been refreshed by a brand agency for impact, appeal and prominence)
- a new one-line positioning statement that captures our core beliefs: Believe, Become, Belong
- a suite of five new (secondary) brand colours in pastel shades that reflect the beautiful natural world that surrounds the college

WHAT DOES THE REFRESHED VISUAL BRAND LOOK LIKE?

Families are invited to take a look at the college's modified brand framework here:

Tatachilla Lutheran College: brand evolution

TIMING OF THE REFRESHED BRAND ROLLOUT

The rollout of the refreshed brand will occur in stages over the next 18-24 months, commencing with small changes in Term 4 this year. It will primarily impact college signage, college social media platforms, future marketing materials and the new college website which is currently scheduled to launch in 2024.

I thank you in advance for your support of our new visual direction and messaging. We view the college brand and our values as living, dynamic entities that must grow and adapt with our community and uphold their resonance and relevance in a changing world.

I am confident that our refreshed logo and messaging will enable us to remain identifiable across all communications and greatly assist us in further enhancing our reputation, building college pride and growing our student community.

Mrs Alison Thacker
ACTING PRINCIPAL





from the head of **JUNIOR YEARS**

Welcome back to all Junior School families as we embark on the final term of 2023. I have enjoyed the warm welcome I have received from the children especially, but also my colleagues and parents after a long period of leave. I'm very grateful to the college executive and the Junior School leadership team for guiding the Junior School in my absence. I congratulate

Ms Lindee Hopkins on her appointment as Head of Junior School from 2024 and am very confident of her ability to lead the Junior School into its next exciting stage.

There is a lot to look forward to in Term 4. This Friday is the final chapel for our Year 12s and on the following Monday, the 2024 Reception children begin their school journey with the first of four orientation visits. Later in the term, our intake of children into Year 6 will have an orientation visit. These visits give them a taste of life in Tatachilla's Junior School and allow them to meet their classmates for 2024 and their teachers.

We wrap up the term with the Year 6 Graduation and the junior primary students' Christmas chapel presentation. Term 4 will be over before we know it.

It is important to finish well. No race is remembered by how it began, but rather by the thrill of the finish line. I need to keep this in mind as I end my working life and begin retirement. I encourage all Junior School families to support their children to finish the year well. Keep up good eating and sleep patterns; showing kindness to others; and working hard until the end.

ONLINE SAFETY AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL

The college has several ways that aim to keep children safe while they are online whilst at school.

- A safe search filter on the internet that filters out inappropriate and explicit material.
- The college leadership team receives a report that lists any concerning search terms used by the children, which can then be followed up with the family.
- In the classroom, teachers have access to Apple Classroom that allows them to keep an eye on what the whole class, or an individual student, is doing on their iPad in real time.
- All families sign the ICT User Agreement at the start of the year and agree to use the iPad according to the agreement.

Apart from family support of the ICT User Agreement, these measures are only effective while the children are at school. How the iPad is used at home, what games or apps are used, and internet searches, is beyond the reach of the precautions the college takes.

As an additional safeguard, when the iPad is used recreationally at home, anything that is downloaded at home and remains open on the iPad in the morning before school should be closed before the iPad is brought to school. This will ensure that the iPad is ready for use as a learning tool, and that nothing is brought to school on the iPad that the school's system would normally block, or does not comply with the expected standards and shared values of our community.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

This week we congratulated the following students on their valuable contributions to the life of the Junior School. To receive an Excellence Award, students need to demonstrate excellence in a range of areas including learning achievement and effort, contribution to the classroom or playground community, service learning, co-curricular participation, leadership and TLC Cares values.

Congratulations to the following students on receiving their Excellence Awards;

Alexis Wilkinson (5SCOT)

Clayton Elliott (4SCHR)

Angus Hockey (1NORTH)

Penny Douglass (6VILS)

Elle Hutchinson (4MOOA)

We also congratulate all the merit award recipients.

Mr John Dow
HEAD OF JUNIOR YEARS



Junior School Excellence Award winners

COLLEGE NEWS

We are delighted to announce that Deputy Principal Ashley Coats has recently been recognised with a national Leadership Award from the Australian Council for Educational Leaders (ACEL).

This award is bestowed upon those educational leaders from across the country who have developed and implemented a significant educational initiative or successfully influenced educational policy, resulting in improved outcomes for students. We thank Ashley for his dedication to enhancing the student experience at Tatachilla and warmly congratulate him on this wonderful honour.

Miss Jane Clayton

HEAD OF MARKETING AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS



Ashley Coats receiving his award

from the COUNSELLING TEAM

FINISHING WELL

As we enter the final term it's time to encourage your children to utilise all the skills they have learnt to make the final push to ensure they finish on a high note. The last stretch of the year is just as important as the start, and there are a few simple ways to make it count.

During this term every student in the school will be involved in various experiences that are developed to help them transition into the following year. These experiences are important, and all students should be in attendance for their planned activities.

To ensure a smooth term you might consider referring to the checklist below to help your student maintain focus.

- **Set goals:** Think about what you want to achieve by the end of the year, academically and personally. Setting clear goals will give you something to work towards.
- **Stay organised:** Keep track of your assignments, deadlines, and important dates. Having an organised calendar will help you manage your time effectively.
- **Ask for help:** Don't be afraid to reach out to your teachers or classmates if you're struggling with your school work or facing any challenges. We're all in this together.

- **Manage your time:** Divide your tasks into smaller, manageable portions and create a study schedule that works for you.
- **Celebrate your wins:** Recognise and celebrate your achievements, no matter how small. It can boost your confidence and motivation.
- **Take care of yourself:** Make sure you're getting enough sleep, eating well, and staying active. A healthy body and mind are essential for success.

Encouraging your children to finish the year with confidence is a life lesson that can set the stage for success and new adventures in the next school year.

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**

BETTONGS AT DUSK EVENT

During the school holidays, we welcomed families for a Bettongs at Dusk event in the EcoClassroom Sanctuary. Families explored the Sanctuary on a guided interactive tour with Dani from the EcoTeam. As we wandered, we could smell tea tree and roasted wattle seed from plants in the sanctuary. We took our binoculars and looked for local birds including a family favourite - the superb fairy wren.

As the sun set we brought out food and treats for the bettongs, potoroos and wallabies. The potoroos and bettongs were brave and hungry, so were happy to come up close for treats - their favourite food is dog kibble which gives them the protein they need.

If you'd like to be the first to know about family and community events at the EcoClassroom Sanctuary, send us an email at eco@tatachilla.sa.edu.au and we'll add you to the mailing list.

DESIGNING EPIC NATIVE GARDENS EVENT

At the EcoClassroom Sanctuary we're keen for our expertise in local native plants and animals to go beyond our fences and inspire you to grow more native plants to support biodiversity in your gardens.

We partnered with Steve Dedrick from Endemic Environments to run a sold out Designing Epic Native Gardens workshop. We learnt from Steve's experience designing and landscaping, work-shopped ideas, and took a tour of the Sanctuary to provide inspiration for natural native spaces.

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



from the **MUSIC TEAM**



Congratulations to Year 12 student **Ella Turner**, who has shown great dedication to her educational development by undertaking an Australian Music Examinations Board exam in piano as an additional SACE-2 subject, achieving Honours in her final performance examination last month.

The final report from Ella's examiner stated that Ella's performance was extremely impressive. Ella chose a few of the most difficult pieces in this grade, and she handled the many rhythmic changes and technical challenges with convincing ease.

Ella was applauded for her range of repertoire from classical to modern, with stylistic elements from all eras thoughtfully managed, with particular care and command over appropriate rubato, dynamics and articulations.

Ella was congratulated on her musically sensitive performance and her remarkable range of beautiful expression. Overall, incredible commitment has been shown by Ella, as she studied, learned and rehearsed for her performance over the last year, with hundreds and possibly even thousands of hours of practice culminating in a captivating performance.

Mr Peter Jewitt
MUSIC DIRECTOR

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

This year's Blessing of the Animals event on the 29 September inspired an astounding response from our college community, with approximately 400 animals on campus. These animals included horses, cows, sheep, goats, lizards, cats, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, budgies, hermit crabs and a beautiful white dove.

The ceremony has become a treasured part of college life and a defining aspect of living and learning at Tatachilla. We undertake the Blessing every year in remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of all creatures great and small. The love we give and receive from the animals in our lives draws us more deeply into the larger circle of life, and for this we give thanks.

We are also grateful to Pastor Al and Pastor André Meyer from Calvary Lutheran Church in Morphett Vale for conducting the blessings this year; to Mae and Gage from the band 'Miss Ohio' for providing a fantastic bluegrass vibe; to Harvest Studio for their stunning botanical arbour decorations; and to The Farm Barn in Hahndorf for giving us the opportunity to feed and cuddle a range of baby farmyard friends.

Miss Jane Clayton

HEAD OF MARKETING AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS



SPORTS NEWS

ALL SCHOOLS STATE CROSS-COUNTRY EKIDEN RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to our junior girls cross-country team who placed 1st at the All-Schools State Cross Country Relay Championship on Thursday 18 October. Over 45 teams from schools across the state competed in the event held on the River Torrens.

Each team consisted of eight runners, running eight different legs ranging from 1km-5.4kms, totalling a race distance of 21kms. Tatachilla sent three teams to the event, and we are also pleased to report that our Senior Girls and Junior Boys both finished 5th in their divisions.

Other special mentions go to **Alice Fisher, Maya Fisher, Grace McAvaney, Aldo Spaumer, Rhett Read,** and **Bella McAvaney** who all ran the fastest time for their leg of the race within their division. No other school had more junior runners achieving the fastest leg time than Tatachilla Lutheran College!

Our students showed an enormous amount of determination and resilience on the 33C day, which created some trying conditions. We are so proud of all our runners who gave their best in both training and the event itself. A lot of early mornings, and Wednesday lunchtimes were sacrificed to train and achieve the school's best ever results at the Ekiden Relay. Well done team Tat!

CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS:

Junior girls team:

Alice Fisher, Kezia Thiel, Maya Fisher, Nara Weber, Georgie Costello, Grace McAvaney, Isabel Cranage, Lola Madgett.

Junior boys team:

Daniel Oddie, Aldo Spaumer, Kian Labuschagne, Matthew Staska, Jackson Blacker, Rhett Read, Haiden McGowan, Bodhi Ticehurst, Jake Ayres, Flyn Modra.

Senior girls team:

Deja Rochford, Claire Oddie, Quinn Garwood, Summer Thomas, Chloe Klingner, Isabella McAvaney, Maya Barry, Nicola Hollitt, Amity Evans.

Mr Jimmy Grant

7-12 HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION LEARNING LEADER



The junior girls team with their 1st place trophy



SPORTS NEWS

YEARS 5/6 AFL WIN

Last Friday our Year 5/6 girls' football team competed in a girls 9-a-side football carnival held at Flinders University Oval. The carnival was an all-day event with the girls playing off against Brighton Primary School and Saint Anthony's Edwardstown in a round-robin tournament.

The opening match started as an onslaught with Brighton scoring four goals against us to nil. The girls were initially struggling with the rule modification of no tackling, but in doing so had unintentionally forgotten how to play footy. After a half time pep talk, the second half was a completely different ball game and we came away with an exciting first round thrilling match defeating Brighton Bombers 4.5.31 to 4.2.28.

From here the girls became unstoppable with clean passages of linked up play, running as a team with support and taking the game on to be first at the ball and contest. For the next three games the girls were relentless and did not concede a single point to the opposition. Accurate kicking was also on display with our results 10.1.61, 10.1.61 and 11.4.70 consecutively.

For the final match we had a bit more competition and went in with a slightly too casual approach. The Brighton Tigers were quick to put two goals on the board before we took back control of the centre clearances and won the match 5.6.36 to 2.3.15 to be eventual undefeated winners.

A special congratulations goes out to **Madeleine Short** who was awarded the trophy for the most outstanding female player of the day. As coaches we were incredibly impressed by the efforts of the whole team, however the following players received a special mention:



Year 5/6 girls AFL champions

Best team player went to **Mabel Mills**, the most contested possessions to **Penny Douglass**, and the equal most valuable players - **Macie Parker** and **Sophie Smith**.

Years 5/6 girls' football team:

Madeleine Short, Mabel Mills, Macie Parker, Annabelle Hockey, Charlotte King, Sophie Mistiades, Kadie-Lee Davidson, Emma Cairns, Penny Douglass, Grace Neville, Ruby Madgett, Ileda Walden and Sophie Smith.

Mrs Fiona Gore
HEAD COACH

Mrs Bec Schirmer
ASSISTANT COACH/TRAINER

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Annabelle Hockey** and **Macie Parker** who have been selected in the Year 5/6 Southern Metro Girls Cricket Team to compete at the Girls Cricket State Carnival on Tuesday 7 – Thursday 9 November.

Congratulations to **Nara Weber** who participated in the SA Nunga Netball Carnival in the school holidays and was awarded overall 'Most Valuable Player' for the 15 and under team out of 100 girls in her division.



Nara Weber, 'Most Valuable Player' - SA Nunga Netball Carnival

calendar DATES

Term 4 Week 3

Monday 30 October

Reception transition visit 1

Excursion: Year 10 Outdoor Ed: kayaking

Music Showcase dress rehearsal

Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November

Year 12 SWOTVAC

Tuesday 31 October

Excursion: Years 7/8 T20 boys cricket

College Tour, 6pm

Wednesday 1 November

Years 7-11 Chapel, 9.00am

Music Showcase, Hopgood Theatre, 6.30pm

Thursday 2 November

Year 12 Art Exhibition opening night, gym foyer, 6pm

Friday 3 November

JS Chapel, 9.00am

R-11 Leadership Assembly, 12.20pm

Excursion: Surfing, Middleton

Excursion: Year 10 CRAVE, Southern Cross Care

Excursion: Years 9, 10, 11

Music Discovery Day,

Elder Conservatorium of Music

Term 4 Week 4

Monday 6 November

Reception transition visit 2

Monday 6 - Wednesday 8 November

Year 11 Outdoor Ed: kayaking camp

Monday 6 - Friday 10 November

Year 12 SACE Exams

Tuesday 7 November

JS Assembly, 2.35pm

Excursion: Years 7 and 8 girls and boys tennis

Wednesday 8 November

Years 7-11 Chapel, 9.00am

Friday 10 November

JS Chapel, 9.00am

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Incursion: Year 6 Origin Energy

Excursion: Hot Shots Tennis Carnival

TERM DATES >

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COLLEGE CALENDAR >

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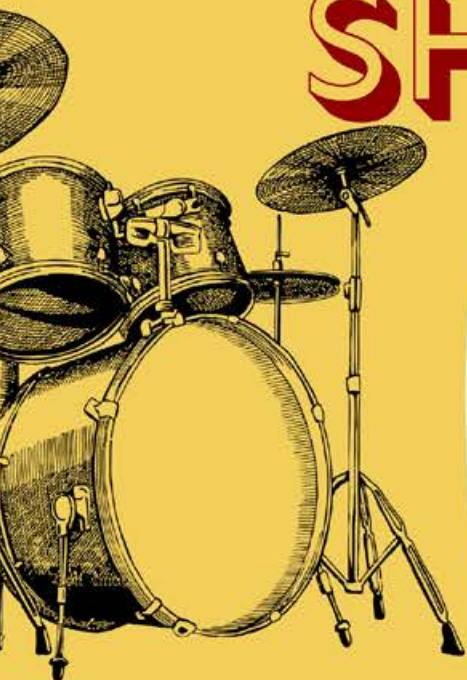
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TATACHILLA LUTHERAN COLLEGE

2023 MUSIC SHOWCASE



WHERE:
Hopgood Theatre

WHEN:
Wed 1 Nov-6:30 pm

Adults - \$20
Students - \$15
Family - \$55



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TATACHILLA LUTHERAN COLLEGE PRESENTS

YEAR 12 VISUAL ART EXHIBITION

***A Response to the
Worlds We See***

Tatachilla Lutheran College
gym foyer

Opening
Night
6pm
November
2nd 2023