



# tatachilla NEWS



Term 4 Week 4 | Thursday 9 November 2023



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

I recently asked one of our Year 1 classes, "What's the best part of a running race?" They replied with, "winning (of course!)." They also mentioned the running itself, having fun and cheering others on. We also talked about the excitement of the start of the race, especially the crack of the starter's gun that sends them on their way. We reminisced briefly about the recent Cross Country event and how fast they ran at the beginning and how tired they were towards the end, knowing they had to push hard to finish well and cross the finish line ahead of other runners. We also talked about how in a game of footy or soccer, the last quarter can be the most exciting if the score is close and how the players need to give their best to win the game, even though they might have sore legs from all the running and tackling.

We then got to the crux of the discussion. How can the children in Year 1 finish the year well? Some are showing signs of being a bit 'over it', which we understand. They have already learned a lot this year and have attended many assemblies, chapel services and excursions. They have also played hard at recess and lunch. The children recognised that they needed to keep doing the things they did at the start of the year – showing kindness to others, listening to the teacher, not calling out and so on.

I too need to follow the advice of the Year 1s. I have seven weeks to go in my time at Tatachilla as Head of Junior Years and I am not wishing it away. I love being in the yard chatting to the children. I love our assemblies and chapels and am looking forward to the Year 6 Graduation and our final Junior School assembly for 2023. I am keeping my head in the game and have determined to finish well, just like the Year 1s. Let's encourage each other to finish the year well, whatever we have to do between now and then.

Congratulations to the following students on receiving Excellence Awards this week;

**Jayda Brookes** (5THOS)

**Federico Burley** (3RADJ) and;

**Owen Styles** (4MOOA)

It was wonderful to read about the children's dedication to their learning, their contribution to the classroom community and their kindness and friendliness towards others. All three are worthy recipients and outstanding examples of the values we uphold in the Junior School.

**John Dow**

HEAD OF JUNIOR YEARS



Junior School Excellence Award winners, left to right:  
Jayda, Owen and Federico



# from the JUNIOR YEARS

## YEAR 3 - STEM TASK

This semester, to incorporate our HASS unit on communities past and present, the students have been working in groups to create their own community.

What is STEM? It is a task that has a component of the following subjects: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Each group had a box they could lie flat. They had to create a paper design of their community adding roads, pathways, buildings and other parts of a town. They then used nets to make 3D objects which they made into the buildings and structures. They added other materials to make the different parts of their community.

This task covered many areas of learning including fine motor skills, executive function skills and group work capabilities.

We saw students using their initiative, making use of different resources and working together collaboratively to complete this task.

**Helen Dorling** and **Janine Radue**  
YEAR 3 TEACHERS



## YEAR 4 CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP

This term, the Year 4 cohort has focused on civics and citizenship and the importance of rules and laws in society. The children were asked to create a new land with rules and laws and to then reflect on the effectiveness of the laws and rules they had created.

We have also looked into the three government types and their roles. The next step will be for the children to write and present an oral presentation. Below are photos of some of the fantastic, creative and inspiring lands the children have created.

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





# from the JUNIOR YEARS

## OLYMPIAD PROBLEM-SOLVING COMPETITION

This year selected students in Years 5 and 6 have participated in a problem-solving mathematics program. Students completed four problem-solving challenges. The scores from these challenges were measured against other students within the team, as well as against other teams across Australia and New Zealand. Congratulations to our Year 6 Team who achieved a score within the top 30% of all teams competing in this competition. Our Year 5 team worked hard to improve their scores each week and are growing as independent mathematicians.

**George Pritchard** (Year 6) is congratulated for achieving the highest overall score for Team Tatachilla, which is an outstanding achievement. A further congratulations to **George Pritchard, Ryan Zimmer** and **Jacob Wingrave** (Year 6), who were recognised with scores in the top 10% of all students taking part in the challenging program.

Additionally, **Harry Butler, Annabelle Hockey, Jessica Perry, Madeleine Short** and **Molly Wright** (Year 6) were recognised for scores in the top 25% across the competition. **Oscar Turtle** (Year 6) and **Lani Holmes** (Year 5) were recognised for their outstanding effort in Maths problem-solving with an Endeavour Award each.

Team Tatachilla: (Year 6) **Harry Butler, Isaac Bull, Hugh Conlon, Jack Harvey, Jacob Horn, Annabelle Hockey, Declan Maasdorp, Mabel Mills, Chloe Oniszk, Jessica Perry, George Pritchard, Madeleine Short, Zak McReynolds, Oscar Turtle, Jacob Wingrave, Molly Wright** and **Ryan Zimmer**.

Team Tatachilla: (Year 5) **Lincoln Dommenz, London Drew, Chloe Hammerstein, Lani Holmes, Sienna Hutchings, Luka Labuschagne, Mylo Koop, Keira Tucker, Flynn Newbold, Oscar Simmons-Sinclair, Isabelle Upitis, Lily VanHaaster, Benjamin Williams** and **Tristan Woodward**.

**Amanda Southern**

LEARNING ENHANCEMENT TEACHER YEARS 3-6





# COLLEGE NEWS

## JAPAN TOUR

The Japan Tour 2023 was an enlightening and unique learning experience, where students had the opportunity to immerse in a culture which was rich and diverse. A group of 15 students and three staff participated in this exchange program to visit Tatachilla's Japanese sister school, Toryo High School, and explored the cities of Kyoto, Nara, Himeji, Hiroshima, Kumamoto, Osaka and Tokyo.

A clear highlight for students was the time spent with their host siblings and families from Toryo High School. Through shared meals, conversations (and mistranslations!), and lots of laughter, students not only learned about their traditions and customs, but they became a part of their family and formed lasting friendships. These personal connections made the experience all the more meaningful and highlighted the importance of open-mindedness and understanding.

Overall, the Japan school trip was a resounding success. The experiences broadened students' horizons and deepened their appreciation for human connections, and encouraged a group of young people to develop as open-minded global citizens. I recommend any interested students in joining such programs in the future to further their passions in language and cultural learning, and consider the opportunity to begin this journey in 2024 by welcoming Toryo students to our college and possibly to your home! More information will follow soon on the Toryo High School visit to Tatachilla in 2024.

Thank you to the wonderful group of students who invested their time and efforts in preparing for this study tour, and their eagerness to learn. Finally, thank you to the amazing staff members; Edwinna Lee, Seona Anderson and Jeffrey Wong, who dedicated every moment on this tour to support our students on their journey.

### Reflections from our student participants:

'This experience has been such a rare opportunity that I will cherish forever. I have strengthened the relationships with some of my friends and left Japan with new friends also. Studying Japanese not just as the language but also the culture and then travelling on top of that is such an experience, as it gave me a whole new point of view towards the opportunities I could have in my future.'

**Bethany Watts**

'My home-stay family treated me like a second daughter. Also, there were vending machines everywhere!'

**Danielle Botha**

'Its very hard to sum up everything I learnt because there was so much. Simply put, I learnt about the different culture and customs in Japan through first hand experience.'

**Hayden Cabban**

'I loved my family. The mum was so lovely and tried her best to communicate with me as much as she could. My home-stay sister, Sara, was shy but so welcoming.'

**Eve Boucher**

'Do it, it is so good! I also think that learning a different language is really beneficial for you.'

**Jessica Noy**

'Japan is absolutely amazing! I liked going out for dinner at the Japanese sushi train and going to Starbucks with my home-stay sibling after school. It was fun meeting my home-stay family and seeing all of the tourist attractions with them.'

**Lily Furner**

'The trip is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It also surprised me how clean everything was. Regardless of where we were, all the people were really kind. There are so many people everywhere but it is still really organised and efficient, especially on public transport.'

**Claire Oddie**

'I loved the home-stay so much, I now have a second family in another country! My family were so welcoming and funny. I felt very safe and happy in their home. I had a really strong bond with the mother, as she has never had a daughter. It was so wonderful. I miss them a lot.'

**Ellie Lawrance**

**Jeffrey Wong**

JAPAN TOUR 2023 STAFF MEMBER



Japan Tour 2023



# JAPAN TOUR 2023





# OLD SCHOLAR NEWS

On Friday 27 October, members of the Class of 2003 gathered at Tatachilla for our 20-year reunion.

We re-enacted our “last day of Year 12” school photo on the stairs and took a tour of the areas of the college that were significant to us as a cohort. Some of these spaces have changed considerably, highlighting how much our beautiful school has grown over the past two decades. The undercover space where we held our final Year 12 chapel is now the Year 5/6 undercover area, and the library feels like it has doubled in size!

After our tour, we returned to the gym to reminisce as we opened the time capsule created on our last day in 2003. What a surprise it was to explore the various treasures inside and to find that, for many of us, we had written letters to ourselves precisely 20 years ago to the day!

Past teacher Graeme Fielke, who was in attendance along with Matthew Schirmer and Judy Evans, closed the night with an impromptu speech highlighting how significant it was that so many Old Scholars had taken the opportunity to gather and maintain connections.

It was such a special time for Old Scholars to reunite and reminisce, with many in attendance agreeing that we should make plans for an annual get-together. As a current staff member and former student, I feel proud of the culture of belonging we cultivate as a college community that keeps us connected beyond our schooling years.

I encourage all Old Scholars to connect via the Tatachilla Old Scholars web page [here](#) and to follow the Old Scholars Facebook page [here](#).

**Amy Watson**

CLASS OF 2003

R-6 TEACHING & LEARNING LEADER



Old Scholar Reunion, Class of 2003



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

## **FLEURIEU CONNECTIONS ALLIANCE VISIT TO ECORANGERS**

Last week, our EcoRangers had a visit from the Fleurieu Connection Alliance Environment team. They taught us about erosion prevention materials like gravel, mulch, and geofabric, showing the importance of using them over bare ground. We conducted an experiment pouring water over these materials and bare dirt, measuring run-off water clarity (turbidity) to highlight how these materials help maintain water quality during road work activities and prevent erosion. The Rangers loved seeing real-life examples from people working in the environment field.

## **BOTANICAL DRAWINGS WITH GILBERT DASHORST**

We welcomed world-renowned botanical illustrator Gilbert Dashorst to our EcoClassroom Sanctuary for a workshop with our college community. Students, parents, and wider community members spent the day learning about the art and science of botanical drawing.

By observing plants, and looking at them up very close, we are able to notice details we may not have seen before. By drawing them scientifically, we learn about plant botany, and similarities between plants and humans.

We're looking forward to hosting more workshops with Gilbert Dashorst in the future. If you're keen to attend classes like this, including family and community events at the sanctuary, please email [eco@tatachilla.sa.edu.au](mailto:eco@tatachilla.sa.edu.au) and we can add your name to our EcoClassroom Sanctuary mailing list.

Thank you to the City of Onkaparinga and Willunga Environment Centre for supporting and subsidising many of our community events.

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



# from the **MUSIC TEAM**

## **MUSIC SHOWCASE**

This year's Music Showcase, held on Wednesday 1 November at the Hopgood Theatre, was centred around movies and the captivating melodies of the silver screen. Our talented students dedicated themselves to bringing to life the iconic songs and scores from favourite movies. From timeless classics to contemporary blockbusters, this year's showcase was a celebration of the magic of cinema.

Performing in ensembles enables students to build relationships with peers across year groups, develop confidence, improve teamwork, organisation, as well as musicianship skills. I am delighted with how the students conducted themselves throughout the day and into the evening for the showcase.

Performing a solo is no mean feat and the special performances from our senior students, **Keyta Stassinopoulos, Helena Savarton** and **Bailey Baldock** were excellent. There were also many opportunities where students took solos within their ensemble setting and these too were fantastic. I was delighted with how many of the younger students put themselves forward for this opportunity. It can be quite daunting singing or playing solo, however the benefits once a student has done this are far-reaching, especially in terms of building self-confidence.

A personal thank you to the Music team for preparing the students and soloists, whether directing the ensemble, accompanying, or teaching them in instrumental lessons, everyone played their part.

## **Student reflections:**

I had a very good time at the Music Showcase, especially performing in it. What I loved most about performing was that I got to show the audience my passion and skills in music through singing in Senior Choir and Advanced Choir and playing my viola in orchestra. I loved playing Rogue One: A Star Wars Story, because the song was a very strong and powerful song which is how I like to play. I also enjoyed playing with other people and having a goal that we aimed to reach by the time the showcase came around. **Elouise Kendrick**

I particularly enjoyed the community aspect of being able to work with other students, both older and younger and creating connections throughout the school. I loved that we were able to perform on a grand scale to share our learning from the past semester, all giving our best to achieve our goals of completing the pieces. The showcase allowed all the music students to show how hard they had been working and even inspire the younger (and older) generations to try something new. I was able to share my passion for music with an audience, which made the experience very enjoyable **Isabelle Kendrick**

I particularly enjoyed performing with others in the ensemble setting because there was a synergy within the team, along with confidence and we went out all guns blazing. It was just awesome! **Harry Armstrong**

**Peter Jewitt**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR



Music Showcase - the grand finale



# MUSIC SHOWCASE





# SPORTS NEWS

## CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 26 October, the annual House Cross Country event was held. All students in Year 1-12 completed the course throughout the day showing grit, determination and a lot of House spirit. The top-placing athletes were then invited to participate in the 1-12 relay after lunch.

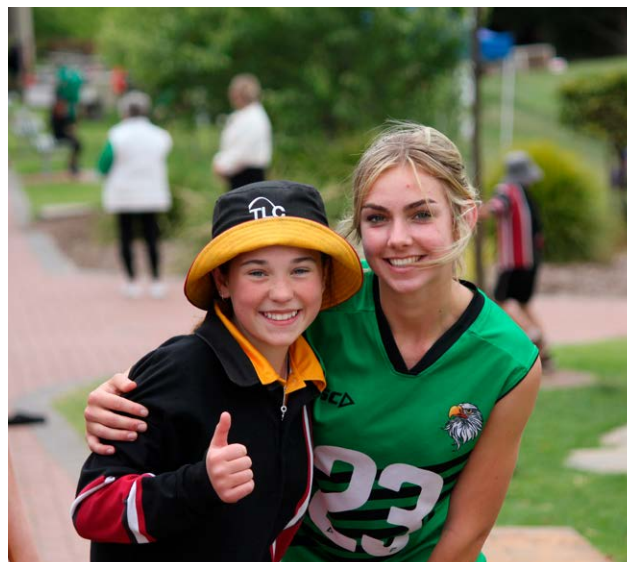
Congratulations to Emerald who finished the day in 1st place on 376 points, followed by Topaz 190, Ruby 186 and Sapphire 138.

A special congratulations to year level winners and record breakers on the day:

Year 1 boys	<b>Harvey McDonald</b> 2.15
Year 1 girls	<b>Zoe Lucas</b> (record) 2.36
Year 2 boys	<b>Ace Ticehurst</b> 2.20
Year 2 girls	<b>Mabel Owens</b> 2.34
Year 3 boys	<b>Sebastian Mould</b> 2.07
Year 3 girls	<b>Noveau Drew</b> 2.19
Year 4 boys	<b>Jayden Smith</b> (record) 3.29
Year 4 girls	<b>Mila Mansell</b> (record) 4.17
Year 5 boys	<b>Luka Labuschagne</b> 3.27
Year 5 girls	<b>Chloe Hammerstein</b> 3.39
Year 6 boys	<b>Xavier Lucas</b> 3.06
Year 6 girls	<b>Charlotte Prestwood</b> 3.28
Year 7 boys	<b>Aldo Spaumer</b> (record) 9:23
Year 7 girls	<b>Alice Fisher</b> (record) 10:15
Year 8 boys	<b>Daniel Oddie</b> (record) 9:31
Year 8 girls	<b>Grace McAvaney</b> (record) 10:15
Year 9 boys	<b>Rhett Read</b> 9:53
Year 9 girls	<b>Maya Fisher</b> 11:17
Year 10 boys	<b>Patrick McDonald</b> 9:23
Year 10 girls	<b>Isabella McAvaney</b> 11:40
Year 11 boys	<b>Angus Logan</b> (record) 9:42
Year 11 girls	<b>Deja Rochford</b> 10:35
Year 12 boys	<b>Josh Jurado</b> 10:36
Year 12 girls	<b>Lily Carpenter</b> 14:04

Thank you to all staff, especially Scott Wendelborn, Fiona Gore and the House Coordinators who helped to run this event and to all students for participating with such enthusiasm.

**Tonia Fielke**  
5-12 SPORT COORDINATOR





# SPORTS NEWS

## SCHOOL TEAMS SURFING 2023

On Friday 3 November, 12 students from Middle and Senior School competed in the school surfing competition at Middleton Beach. Ten teams of six surfers from seven different schools battled out the opening rounds for a chance to qualify for the finals day to be held soon. Whilst the surfing conditions were quite poor, the attitude of the Tatachilla students was fantastic. With several experienced surfers and a few that were still learning the ropes for competitions, both our teams competed in the 2nd heat of the day.

The competitors were under a huge amount of time-pressure with the very short heats and each surfer needing to catch a scoring wave before swapping with their teammate in a tag team/relay fashion.

Team 1:

**Jacob Cerullo, Linc Ellbourn, Felipe Chehade, Emma Charlton, Nara Weber** and **Eleanor Kelly** were rewarded in the first heat for their efforts with a win. This allowed them to progress through to the semi-final with the surfers becoming extremely wary of the time-frame needed to catch a scoring wave with **Emma Charlton** then top-scoring for the team. During the day the conditions did not improve and all teams in the semi final struggled to put big scores on the board. Whilst the team worked really well together to allow all surfers scoring opportunities, they did not progress to the final four by about one point.



Team 2: (girls white water team)

**Zahli Grund, Brooke Fisher, Grace McAvaney, Amelia Laan,** and **Cerys Thomas** are congratulated for going outside their comfort zones, paddling further out, and catching bigger waves than they were accustomed to in the white water division. They took on the challenge of surfing against blue water open teams - and deserve praise for getting close to some of the other teams in their heat and progressing to beat Pembroke in their 'Repo Charge' to place 3rd, missing a place in the finals this year. We look forward to seeing more of these girls taking on the blue water divisions next year.

All students represented the college in a fantastic manner and are commended on their work both in, and out of, the water.

**Tyson Leech** and **Edwinna Lee**  
SURF COACHES





# SPORTS NEWS

## YEAR 5/6 CRICKET

On Tuesday 24 October, the Year 5/6 Twenty20 cricket team took on Nazareth for a spot in the semi-finals of the competition. Tatachilla batted first and **Luka Labuschagne** and **Flynn Newbold** did well to survive some consistent bowling over the first 10 overs to have us 1/37 at drinks. In the final 10 overs, **Patrick Cameron** was the star of the show with some power-hitting to get us to a competitive total of 2/72 off our allotted overs.

In reply, Nazareth got off to a quick start until **Jarvis Groffen** struck twice in one over. Multiple wickets fell for Nazareth throughout their innings, but they continued to keep the scoreboard ticking over and passed our total with 5 overs to spare.

Well done to all the boys involved on the day and a big thank you to **Macklin Baldock, Zeb Sinclair** and **Will McAvaney** for their help with the team.

**Tommy Scott**  
CRICKET COACH



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## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Keira Tucker, Joel Foody, Annabelle Hockey** and **Chloe Hammerstein** who have been selected in the Onkaparinga South Year 5/6 district tennis team for the SAPSASA State Carnival on Wednesday 22 – Friday 24 November.

Congratulations to **Rhett Read, Claire Oddie** and **Daniel Oddie** who represented Tatachilla in the All Schools Athletics Championships held at SA Athletics Stadium. They ran well and achieved great results. Rhett won a bronze medal in the u16 boys 800m with a time of 2.06 and placed 4th with a 54-second 400m. Claire placed 10th place in 100m with a time of 15:44 and 6th in the 400m with a time of 1:22:63. Daniel placed 5th in the 800m with a time of 2.13 and 6th in the 400m with a time of 1.00.

Congratulations to **Lilly Wiggins** (Year 10) and **Emily Hart** (Year 9) who have been selected in the 2024 17u State netball squad. We wish them all the best with squad trainings commencing in January and final team announcements in early February next year.

Congratulations to **Nara Weber** who has been selected into the Rising Sisters squad for 2024. Netball SA launched its inaugural *Rising Sisters Aboriginal Netball Program* in 2022, to increase opportunities and identify talent within South Australia's First Nations netball community. We wish Nara all the best as she embarks in the program in 2024.

Congratulations to **Henry Pritchard, Riley Newbold, Jai Inwood** and **Friedrich Hillen** who represented the college playing Year 9/10 tennis against Brighton and Adelaide High on Friday 27 October. Although we didn't come away with the win, all boys played very well, representing the college with much pride. Some close games and excellent sportsmanship were shown. Well done to all four boys.



# calendar DATES

## Term 4 Week 5

### Monday 13 November

Reception transition visit 3

Excursion: Year 10 Outdoor Ed: kayaking

Year 10 Camp Parent Information Night,  
5.30pm

### Monday 13 - Friday 17 November

Year 12 SACE exams

### Tuesday 14 November

Excursion: Year 10 CRAVE

Excursion: Year 6 Youth Environment

Leaders Program

Incursion: Year 9 Sammy D Foundation

### Wednesday 15 November

Years 7-11 Chapel, 9.00am

Excursion: Year 5/6 tennis

Year 12 (2024) Parent Information Night,  
6pm, Activity Centre

### Thursday 16 November

Year 5 into Year 6 (2024) orientation day

### Friday 17 November

JS Chapel, 9.00am

## Term 4 Week 6

### Monday 20 November

Reception transition visit 4

### Monday 20 - Friday 24 November

Montessori sports week - student leaders

### Tuesday 21 November

JS Assembly, 2.35pm

### Wednesday 22 November

R-11 Leadership Assembly, 9.00am

Excursion: CEM and Horticulture, Cleland  
Wildlife Park

Pre-Valedictory dinner, 6pm

### Thursday 23 November

Excursion: Year 8 public speaking  
competition, Unity College

Valedictory Service, 6.30pm, Woodcroft  
Revival Centre

TERM DATES >

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COLLEGE CALENDAR >

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