



# tatachilla NEWS



Term 4 Week 8 | Thursday 7 December 2023



## from the acting **PRINCIPAL**

As the 2023 college year draws to a close, there is much to be thankful for. It's been a year of challenge, deep learning, social connection and spiritual renewal, all made possible because of our highly professional educators, families and students.

At Tatachilla, we install our student leaders with the phrase, *'To lead is to serve.'*

I would like to acknowledge at this point the exceptional service, investment and leadership of Mr John Dow over the past eight years. John's legacy is immense and spreads across multiple Lutheran schools including Immanuel Primary School, St Peters Lutheran School and St Michael's Lutheran School. John's deep faith in God has significantly guided all that he does and who he is. John has a firm belief in children as capable and curious and has always focused on the importance of sequenced and rigorous student learning journeys. John has indeed been a servant leader to Tatachilla and all who have crossed his path. We thank God for the gift of John to our community and wish him God's richest blessings for his retirement.

Last week we were blessed with a beautiful Nativity-themed chapel service delivered by our students in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The birth and gift of the Christ-child was highlighted through their Nativity play, singing and bible verses. It was a moment of great pride watching our younger students confidently and competently playing their part and being personally connected to the meaning of Christmas.

*Isaiah 9:6-7 'For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.'*

I would like to thank our dedicated staff for their concerted efforts and investment in our students over the past 12 months.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the families who serve our community willingly and collaborate with us to provide outstanding learning and social opportunities. My thanks also goes to our students who are the fabric of our community and enrich it through their gifts and curiosity. Together we are better.

May the peace, love and joy of the Christ-child be with you and your loved ones this Christmas.

Blessings,

**Mrs Alison Thacker**  
ACTING PRINCIPAL



Nativity chapel service, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students



John Dow during his first year at Tatachilla in 2016 with Junior School children



# from the head of JUNIOR YEARS

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

This week we celebrated the graduation to Middle School of the Year 6 class of 2023; and for many of them, they were the Reception class of 2017. We have seen them grow from cute little Receptions into somewhat more savvy Year 2s, blossoming into lovely Year 4s, and so on, until they arrive as mature and settled Year 6s. Over the past seven years, they have grown up in many ways and the childish behaviours of the past have disappeared. Despite how we worried about them along the way, they got there in the end.

About 50 children of this cohort started in Reception in 2017, and others have joined us along the way. With the addition of new classes, the starting group of 50 became a cohort of 73. We are very grateful to all the families that have chosen Tatachilla as their school. We are very proud of the children and the graduation ceremony celebrated their past, who they are today, and the great potential we see in them for the future.

We congratulate the following students on receiving a Principal Award. The awards are based on the college values of excellence, service and self-worth. The nominations are provided by the Junior School teaching staff which includes teachers the children have had in previous years, and the specialist teachers.

### EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**Declan Maasdorp** (6VILS)

**Ryan Zimmer** (6MIKE)

**Oscar Turtle** (6DAVJ)

### SELF-WORTH AWARDS

**Charlotte Prestwood** (6VILS)

**Isabella Garcia** (6MIKE)

**Violet Dutton** (6DAVJ)

### SERVICE AWARDS

**Molly Wright** (6VILS)

**Madeleine Short** (6MIKE)

**Isla Freebairn** (6DAVJ)

**George Pritchard** (6VILS)

**Sophie Mistiades** (6VILS)

### MAYO COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

**Penny Douglass** (6VILS)

I am graduating into retirement in a few days. It has been wonderful to be part of the Junior School and college community for the past eight years. The success we have had in developing the curriculum and our wellbeing support for students is largely due the expertise and professionalism of the Deputy Heads of Junior Years, the Junior School leadership team, and the dedicated classroom teachers.

I wish the new Head of Junior Years, Lindee Hopkins, all the best for what lies ahead, and am confident that Lindee and her team will continue to make the Junior School the best it can be and the best in the region.

## 2024 TEACHING TEAMS

Below are the new teaching teams for 2024. We are very confident that each team will bring a high level of professionalism and care to their year level.

The teaching teams are as follows:

### Reception

Courtney Orrin, Allison Moore, Eliza Kelly

### Year 1

Megan Norman, Robyn Rouvray, Monique Dobbs

### Year 2

Martin Thompson, Bella Sciberras, Tracey Alderman

### Year 3

Janine Radue, Helen Dorling

### Year 4

Rebecca Schirmer, Taylor Jonas

### Year 5

Jemma Joiner, Tommy Scott

### Year 6

Suzanne Vile, Sara Hart, Emma Brokenshire, Tracy McAvaney

### Specialist teachers

#### Performing Arts

Sarah Whiteley

#### Visual Arts

Maddy Rance and Sharmayne Crowe

#### Japanese

TBA

#### PE

Fiona Gore and Tobin Dolman



Year 6 students graduating from Junior School

**John Dow**

HEAD OF JUNIOR YEARS



# YEAR 6 GRADUATION AWARDS



Year 6 students receiving awards at the Year 6 Graduation

Top row, L-R: Declan Maasdorp, Ryan Zimmer, Oscar Turtle, Charlotte Prestwood

2nd row, L-R: Isabella Garcia, Violet Dutton, Molly Wright, Madeleine Short

3rd row, L-R: Isla Freebairn, George Pritchard, Sophie Mistiades, Penny Douglass



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

## **CERT II CONSERVATION ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT AND HORTICULTURE**

We are thrilled to announce the successful completion of the Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management and Horticulture by **Joey Petrucci, Jacob Cerrullo, Azalea Gregory** and **Tilly Needle**. The program consists of 17 units, including a diverse range of skills from identifying and recognising various native plant species, work health and safety processes, operating and maintaining chainsaws, animal trapping techniques, and contributing to activities within a native plant nursery space.

This course was achieved both within the EcoClassroom Sanctuary and out on excursions, broadening their understanding of real-life conservation practices.

This achievement now allows our students the option to further their studies in this field or navigate their career path with new skills and knowledge. Congratulations to our students on this accomplishment.

## **YEAR 5 ANIMAL AND PLANT ADAPTATIONS VISIT**

This fortnight the Year 5s came to the EcoClassroom Sanctuary to look at animal and plant adaptations. One group was lucky enough to see a bearded dragon! Using its claws for climbing, the resident reptile sat proudly perched on a post, warming itself in the pre-summer sun.



Year 5 students visiting the EcoClassroom Sanctuary

## **DANCING IN THE SANCTUARY**

The Year 10 Dance cohort visited the Sanctuary this fortnight to rehearse, perform and record dance pieces that connect with the natural world and First Nations perspectives. The media team captured the performances using drones and hand held cameras. We eagerly await to see the final edited piece!

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



Year 10 Dance students in the EcoClassroom Sanctuary



Students complete their Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management and Horticulture



# from the **MIDDLE AND SENIOR YEARS**

## **MONTESSORI SPORTS WEEK**

Last week some of our students from the Middle School assisted with the annual 'Sports Week' mornings at Montessori Children's Centre in McLaren Vale. Our amazing group of leaders were very patient role models for the young children as they supported them through activities such as wheels, obstacle course, medal making and ball games. The final event brought much excitement, laughter and fun as the groups came together to attempt tunnel ball and some team relays.

We love sharing this connection with Montessori, especially seeing the different age-levels working together in the community. It is a highlight for many of the students and staff and we look forward to it every year.

**Tonia Fielke**

YEARS 5-12 SPORTS COORDINATOR



Middle School students helping at the Montessori Sports Week

## **TABLE TENNIS CLUB UP AND SWINGING!**

In Term 4, students from Middle and Senior School have had the opportunity to try table tennis at lunchtimes down in the gym foyer. An increasing number of students have enjoyed this opportunity throughout the term. With coaching available as part of these sessions, students are improving their skills and becoming more confident around the table. We look forward to continuing table tennis club into 2024, and taking part in some inter-school competitions too.

**Stuart Packer**

TEACHER/TABLE TENNIS COACH



Middle and Senior School table tennis club



## from the **MUSIC TEAM**

### **CHOIR PERFORMANCES**

The Senior Choir and Junior Choir treated the St Pauls Lutheran Church community to a lunchtime Christmas concert on Monday 27 November. Students performed admirably and were warmly welcomed. This is a lovely annual event that the school has honoured over the years.

Some of the audience members were visibly moved while listening to some of our gospel repertoire. They are so appreciative of the student performances and would have enjoyed anything our students could perform, however the students surprised them this year with the calibre of singing and improvement.

### **GUITAR SOIREE**

Congratulations to our guitar students working with tutor Sandy Klose for their Soiree performance in Week 6. Students are just beginning their performance journey and it was lovely to see and hear students perform with Sandy who worked with the students to create a whole performance including backing tracks and singing too.

### **STUDENTS COMPOSE MUSIC FOR ADELAIDE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Through a series of workshops in Term 3, Year 9 and 10 Music students had the privilege of composing an original work for the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra (ASO), guided by local composer and musician Adam Page. We are thrilled to now be able to share the final piece with you, *An Elf's Fate (The not so Ballad of Jaryd)*.

The piece received fantastic feedback from the ASO and from internationally renowned conductor Luke Dollman. Congratulations to all students involved!

Click on the Vimeo link to view [here](#).

**Peter Jewitt, Maxine Lee-Morath and Sarah Whiteley**  
MUSIC TEAM



Junior and Senior Choir groups at St Paul's Lutheran Church

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## from the **COUNSELLING TEAM**

We would like to wish all of our Tatachilla families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. We have been privileged to work with many students across the campus and we hope you will all be able to enjoy a well-earned rest after what has been a very busy year.

We appreciate that mental health doesn't take a break over the holidays. If you are concerned about your children or loved ones please remember to stay in touch with mental health services like those listed below.

#### **Support service options**

- Headspace centres provide support, information and advice to young people aged 12 to 25  
[headspace.org.au](https://headspace.org.au)
- eheadspace provides online counselling and telephone support to young people aged 12 to 25  
[ehespace.org.au](https://ehespace.org.au) | 1800 650 890
- Kids Helpline is a 24-hour telephone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25  
[kidshelpline.com.au](https://kidshelpline.com.au) | 1800 55 1800

- Lifeline is a 24-hour telephone counselling service  
[lifeline.org.au](https://lifeline.org.au) | 13 11 14
- Parentline 1300 301 300
- [ReachOut.com](https://reachout.com) for information about wellbeing

If you do have some concerns for your young person over the holidays, please find a link below a fact sheet from Headspace which contains some encouragement and tips for supporting young people.

<https://headspace.org.au/assets/Uploads/Corporate/Support-your-young-person-during-the-holidays-web.pdf>

**Sue Chapman and Mike Ebert**  
COLLEGE COUNSELLORS

# SPORTS NEWS

## OLYMPIC CHANGE MAKERS

Congratulations to senior students **Zeb Sinclair** and **Louis Ryan** who were the worthy recipients in 2023 of The Australian Olympic Change-Maker Award. The program recognises secondary students from around the country who demonstrate the Olympic spirit – friendship, sportsmanship and striving for excellence – both on and off the playing field, through leadership and driving positive change in their school and local communities.

Louis has consistently demonstrated Olympic spirit and strong sporting leadership qualities. He has planned football trainings and selections for Junior School students in his lunchtime and proceeded to coach the team on the days of competitions. He has always been reliable and has shown great communication, sportsmanship and interpersonal skills. Louis has also generously offered his time on multiple occasions to assist with refereeing soccer games as a qualified referee and mentored up-and-coming referees at our college. Louis is always a great role model for younger students.

Zeb has consistently demonstrated Olympic spirit as a coach of the SAPSASA cricket and 7/8 AFL team and as a talented and humble sportsman and leader.

Zeb has planned trainings and given up his lunchtime to run the trainings, communicated clearly with staff, assisted with selections and coached both teams on their match days. He has great understanding and passion for his chosen sports, showing great sportsmanship, leadership and relating well to younger students as he shares his skills and knowledge with them.

We are very grateful to have such humble and talented sports-people who are so willing to serve and lead by sharing their talents and knowledge of their chosen sports with our college community.

**Tonia Fielke**

YEARS 5-12 SPORTS COORDINATOR



L-R: Louis coaching a student AFL team, Louis Ryan, Zeb Sinclair

## SAPSASA TENNIS

Well done to the Tatachilla SAPSASA girls' tennis team who played in the state final on Friday 1 December at Seacliff Tennis Club. The girls earned a place in the final due to another school withdrawing at the last minute. Our team made the most of it. They had competitive matches, worked together well in their doubles games, displayed great sportsmanship and encouragement of others, and above all, had fun together! Congratulations girls, we are proud of you.

**Tracy McAvaney**  
COACH



The Tatachilla tennis SAPSASA team

## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to our BMX superstar **Kade McNamara** who is currently representing Australia at the USA BMX National Championships in Oklahoma. His results include: 12 year old boys expert, 5th place in 'Race of Champions Final' and 6th place in the Grand National Champs Final.'

Congratulations to **Kadie-Lee Davidson** who competed in the 12 and under softball state team in the national championship held in Adelaide from Sunday 19 to Friday 24 November 2023. Kadie Lee's team won the silver medal.

Congratulations to **Isla Hockham, Ruby Madgett** (under 12 team) and **Stella Hockham** (under 16 team) who took part in the indoor netball national championship in Brisbane. The girls played well across the nine-day competition learning how to play a 6-a-side competition as well as 7-a-side. Both teams came away in 5th place, just missing out on finals.



L-R Isla Hockham, Stella Hockham and Ruby Madgett, who played in the indoor netball national championships



## calendar **DATES**

### **Term 4 Week 9**

#### **Monday 11 December**

Junior School Activities Day

Year 6 Big Day Out

Years 8, 9 and 10 (2024) transition program

#### **Tuesday 12 December**

Years 7, 8 and 9 Activities Day

R-9 Christmas Final Chapel Service, 1.50pm

Students last day of school, 3.20pm dismissal

### **College office opening hours**

#### **Wednesday 20 December**

College office closes, 4pm

#### **Wednesday 10 January 2024**

College office re-opens, 8.30am

### **Term 1 Week 1 2024**

#### **Monday 29 January 2024**

Term 1 commences; 8:40am

R-9 orientation programs

Years 10-12 classes begin

Tea and Tears event, new Junior School families

**TERM DATES >**

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

**COLLEGE CALENDAR >**

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# VALEDICTORY AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR PHOTOS

Photos are now available to view and order online for Year 12 Valedictory and extra-curricular groups, including music and sports. Please see flyers below with further information on how to order.



## Extracurricular Groups

Photos can be viewed and ordered online.

To access photos, please visit:

[ios.academyphoto.com.au](https://ios.academyphoto.com.au)

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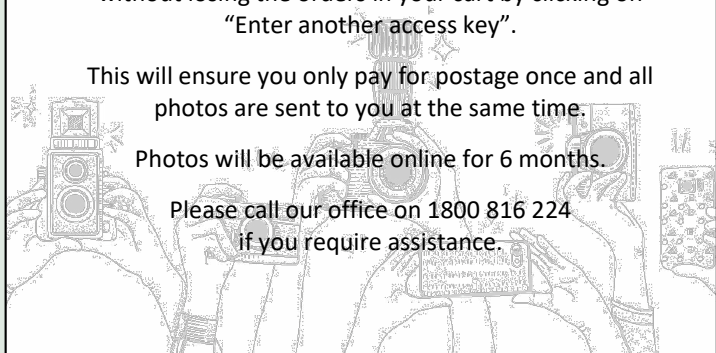
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**Basketball:** NZL52QM8  
**Captains:** 5F7F827C  
**Co-Curricular:** 64LDSYHS  
**Jazz:** 7CYPHM8H  
**Music:** N95DS76Z  
**Netball:** CJQ8Z6KM  
**Other Sport:** 82FAC7NS  
**Soccer:** WGQR9JAD  
**Tennis:** D53H5X5Q

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## Year 12 Valedictory

Thursday 23 November 2023

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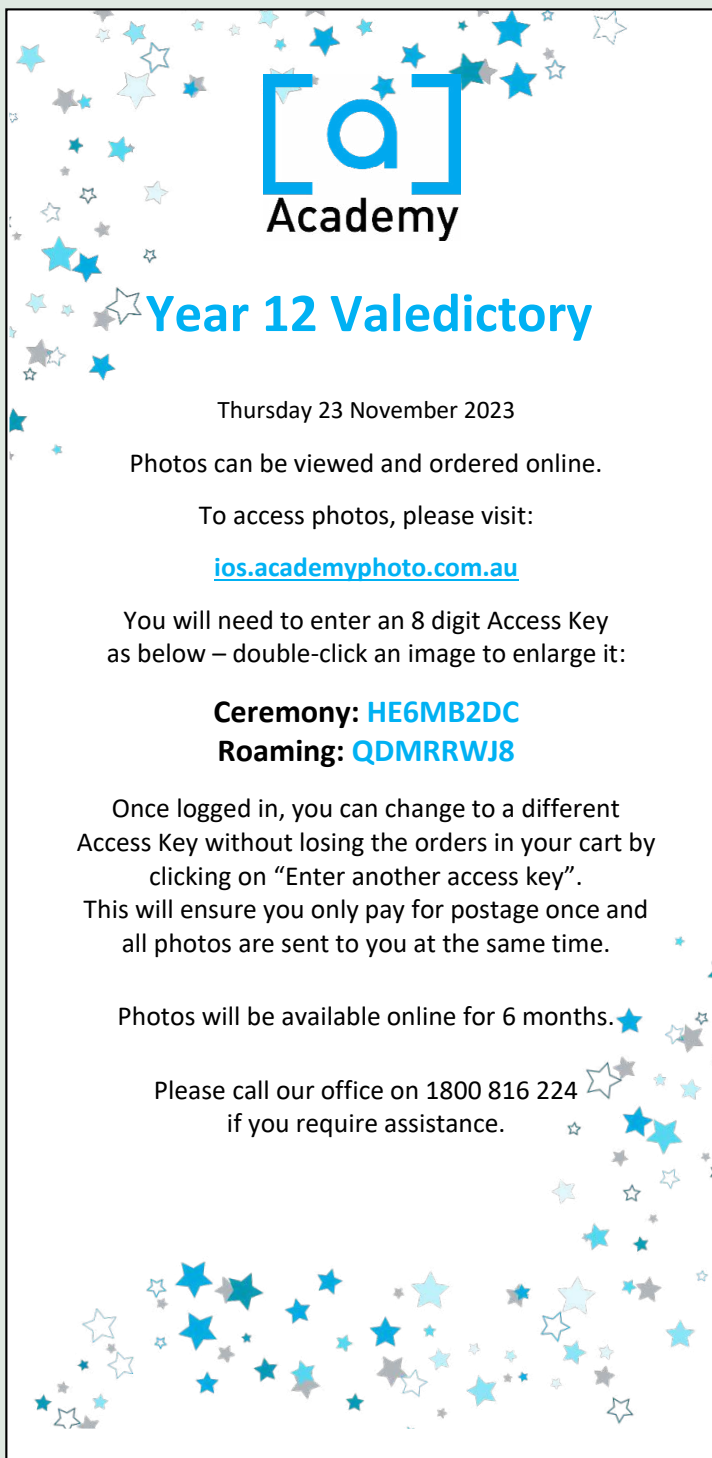
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# UNIFORM SHOP

**The Uniform Shop will be closed Wednesday 13 December until Monday 15 January when the holiday trading hours listed below will commence. Normal trading hours resume from Monday 29 January.**

## **School Uniform Shop**

Tatachilla Lutheran College  
Eastern corner of the Gym  
211 Tatachilla Road  
McLaren Vale

### **Term Trading Hours:**

Monday 8:00am - 12:00pm  
Tuesday 8:00am - 4:00pm  
Thursday 8:00am - 12:00pm

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## **School Holiday Trading Hours**

The Uniform Shop will open for two weeks in late January to assist with your school uniform and shoe fittings before Term 1 commences.

The shop will be open by appointment only between Monday 15 January and Friday 19 January from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Book your appointment online at <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/3acpq>

From Monday 22 January until Thursday 25 January the uniform shop will open 9:00am to 4:00pm. No appointment is necessary on these days.

## **Online Uniform Shop**

Shop online and choose to have your order shipped directly to you or collect it from the school uniform shop. Scan the code below to find your uniforms online.

Set up your free Student Advantage Membership online and login each time you shop to access special pricing and ensure your school earns revenue from all your purchases. Visit [theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account](https://theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account) to get started.



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