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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



When my wife, Mel, and I were living in Wodonga, we ventured into the world of parenthood through having chickens. This is a common experience for many people, while other people I talk to often want to have a chicken or two but don't have the space.

However, when we talked about them to family and friends, some people were taken aback by their names! We always named the chickens, (although many of my suggested names didn't often make the cut), so that we could recognise and see who was contributing to our dinner plate! Chickens such as Beatrice, Igor, Clarence and Odette all made the list.

Nevertheless, the naming also played a much more important role – it allowed us to know each chicken individually as a member of our household community. We had given each chicken an identity and came to know their unique attributes, skills and habits. Some were good diggers, some were great foragers while others great at keeping the eggs warm!

As students come into the community of Tatchilla Lutheran College, one of the most critical and first tasks for our staff is to learn the names of the students. We do this so that students

can immediately feel known and apart of a new community. Through recognising and using our names we immediately connect to each other on a much deeper level than a mere acquaintance, we connect as a unique and valued member of the school community.

And so it is with our Old Scholars. As they transition out of our community at the end of Year 12, they move on to new opportunities and experiences. These stories we relish in hearing and we celebrate the growth and learning that has taken place. Our Old Scholars remain a part of our community, known and loved individuals who contribute now to the broader community - locally, nationally and internationally.

I hope that you enjoy this edition of 'Beyond the Ridge', where you can witness the individual stories of students, past and present.

Yours in Christ

**Cain McDonald**  
PRINCIPAL

## COLLEGE THEME FOR 2016

**Act justly.  
Love mercifully.  
Walk humbly.**

Our College wide theme this year is based on a passage from Micah 6:8 and has already focussed our community in the first two weeks of the term. Our Staff Professional Learning Days, our College Opening Worship and Information Nights as well as Year Level Assemblies and class activities have been grounded in our theme.

Of course, each and every day we gather under our Mission Statement as a community:

**“Teaching the love of Christ for a fulfilling life which values self-worth, pursues excellence and serves others”.**

Our Mission Statement and our theme are intrinsically linked and establish a foundation, a tradition, on which we enter into our school year. As we consider what it means to act justly, love mercifully and walk humbly, we do so, as students, staff and parents, in the knowledge that a role model has already been provided for us through Jesus Christ.

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Front Cover: Denver Bradford, Yr 2 (facing) & Ethan Stocker, Yr 2 (right) enjoying the Opening Worship on Monday 1 February 2016

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## YEAR 12 2015 RESULTS

We have had a fantastic start to the year, beginning with our Opening Worship and a presentation from our 2015 Dux, **Glenn Dunbar**.

Glenn was a worthy recipient of the Dux Award after attaining an ATAR score of 98.45. Glen shared with us some insights about navigating Year 12.

Further to the outstanding results of Glenn Dunbar, we extend congratulations to all member from the Class of 2015.

We had over 21% of our students attaining 'A' grades and four Merits awarded for the year.

Further to this, 13 of our students attained an ATAR over 90. We are immensely proud of their efforts and wish all students every blessing for their future pathways.

### MERIT RECIPIENTS

#### Glenn Dunbar

- Communication Products – CAD  
- Research Project

#### Jade Ives-Anderson

-Workplace Practices

#### Momoko Watanabe

-Ensemble Performance

### TOP ATAR SCORES

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Glenn Dunbar            | 98.45 |
| Annabel Bowles          | 97.45 |
| Mark Petherbridge       | 97.15 |
| Reuben Dowie            | 96.70 |
| Karri Nott              | 96.40 |
| Madeline Goldsmith      | 95.70 |
| Ashleigh Sharrad        | 95.60 |
| Sophia Flanagan-Sjoberg | 93.85 |
| James Kamp              | 92.95 |
| Reece Townsend          | 92.65 |
| Sarah Raper             | 90.45 |
| Chelsea Camm            | 90.35 |
| Isaiah Turner           | 90.15 |



Mr Cain McDonald & Glenn Dunbar

## INSTALLATION OF NEW STAFF

At our Opening Service some very special moments were held. This included the installation of our newly appointed Head of Junior School, Mr John Dow

John has been working in Lutheran schools since 2000, beginning at Immanuel Primary School, where he taught Years 4 and 6.

After leaving Immanuel Primary School, John acted as PYP Coordinator and teacher/librarian at St Peters Lutheran Primary School, Blackwood for two years.

John moved to St Michael's Lutheran School in 2010 where he had responsibilities in curriculum leadership as PYP Coordinator, supporting teachers and students in behaviour education, policy development and administrative duties as Deputy Principal.

John plays the ukulele, is an amateur visual artist, and lives in the Adelaide CBD with his family and various dogs and cats.



Mr John Dow and Mr Cain McDonald



## 2015 VALEDICTORY AWARDS



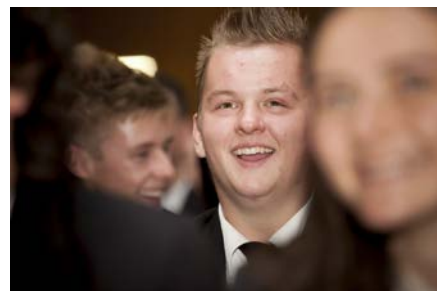
### VALEDICTORY SERVICE

The Valedictory is a wonderful annual celebration of Year 12 students' achievements. On the night the College recognised the hard work, effort and God-given talents that all students brought to their learning, and joined with students, parents, teachers and the wider community to celebrate their success.

The evening contained a number of rituals, most significantly the presentation of Bibles and School Leavers' Statements to all graduating students. The Thanksgiving Rite was also another important part of the service. Representatives from the student body presented an item that symbolises the many different aspects of College life, and these are left on the Altar in recognition and gratitude of the holistic education the College provides.

We are very proud of all members of our graduating class of 2015. We wish them well on their life journeys, and hope they will continue to remain connected to the College through the Old Scholars. Congratulations to all members of our graduating class of 2015.

**Ms Elizabeth Bentley**  
ACTING HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL  
(2015)



During the Valedictory Service, we publicly recognised the outstanding results from our Year 12 students.

Our 2015 graduates worked diligently to achieve exemplary results and we congratulate them on their persistence and also their support of each other throughout all their years at Tatchilla.

### STEVEN ARNOLD AWARD

The recipient of the Steven Arnold All Rounder Award 2015 was **Sarah Raper**. Sarah was recognised for her outstanding service to the College community through her sporting achievements and commitments whilst achieving academically and upholding the ethos of Tatchilla Lutheran College.



### LUTHERAN WOMEN OF SA AWARD

The Lutheran Women of SA and NT annually provide an Encouragement Award for one worthy student. The recipient for 2015 was **Bryanne Silvestri**. Bryanne was an outstanding student, who was highly organised, had a strong work ethic and endeavoured to achieve her best in all facets of school life despite experiencing a challenging year. In 2015 she has showed support for her peers and also for College events.

### CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Citizenship Awards were presented to students who made a contribution to the College community through positively supporting the mission and ethos, being a consistent and constant example to others in their behaviour, attitude and work ethic and working to their full potential. Recipients of the 2015 Citizenship Awards were **Harrison Collins, Temara Grove, Stephen Harris, Ailish Ling, Samantha Low, Zannah Loxton, Lachlan Mathews, Jake Mergler, Karri Nott and Ashleigh Sharrad**.

### SUBJECT AWARDS

Presented to students who have achieved the highest Stage 2 score in each individual subject as determined by the school based component of assessment in 2015.

#### Madeline Beveridge

- Digital Photography

#### Annabel Bowles

- Food & Hospitality  
- Mathematical Applications

#### Chelsea Camm

- English Communications

#### Harrison Collins

- English Pathways  
- Materials (Metal)  
- Workplace Practices

#### Nathan Deliveyne

- Information Technology

#### Reuben Dowie

- Music Composing & Arranging  
- Musicianship

#### Glenn Dunbar

- Computer Aided Design  
- Mathematical Studies

#### Alexandra Fitzpatrick

- Media Studies

#### Sophia Flanagan-Sjoberg

- Physical Education

#### Madeline Goldsmith

- Specialist Maths  
- People's Choice Award for Visual Arts, as voted in the Year 12 Art Exhibition

#### Dylan Kyle-Little

- Business Enterprise

#### Kelsey Lampard

- Drama

#### Karri Nott

- English Studies  
- Visual Arts

#### Mark Petherbridge

- Chemistry  
- Physics

#### Joshua Pozzebon

- Materials (Furniture Construction)

#### Kelly Ryan

- Music Individual Study

#### Ashleigh Sharrad

- Biology  
- Modern History  
- Research Project

#### Phoenix Sherman

- Japanese

#### Momoko Watanabe

- Music Ensemble Performance  
- Music Solo Performance

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD FOR SERVICE

The Principal's Award for Service is the highest award a student may receive and is awarded to Year 12 students who have made an outstanding contribution to College life, especially in the areas of leadership and service, and is presented to each student with an individual citation for their efforts.

**Reuben Dowie** - Reuben gave outstanding service to the College, particularly in the area of Performing Arts. He was a member of the choir, and undertook a significant leadership role in the Senior Strings Ensemble, being the first violinist. Reuben has been a soloist at Assemblies and Chapels, and performed in school musicals. Reuben gave countless hours of his own time to serving through his involvement in Performing Arts. He was an excellent role model to younger students and highly respected by staff and students for his humble approach.



Reuben Dowie

**Glenn Dunbar** - Glenn has consistently involved himself in leadership activities across all years of his schooling at the College, and always demonstrated dedicated service. In Middle School, Glenn worked with a group that transformed the garden of a Lutheran Community Care support house, demonstrating his commitment to service in action. Glenn was proactive in planning and running College service events like Challenge for Charity. Despite pursuing a rigorous and demanding academic pathway, Glenn always had time for service activities. Glenn related well to both staff and students, having shown himself to be a reflective and deep thinker, with a caring heart.



Alexandra "Poppy" Fitzpatrick

**Alexandra Fitzpatrick** - Alexandra has involved herself in many aspects of the life of the College. In 2015 as a Deputy College Captain she was involved in many behind-the-scenes organisation and preparation of school events, such as fundraising casual days and Challenge for Charity. She was a wonderful asset to the College with her Media skills. Alexandra also supported all House activities and was a role model for younger students in Ruby House. Alexandra twice attended our Northern Territory mission trip to Ampilatwatja, stepping out of her comfort zone to help others. Staff described Alexandra as kind, humble and incredibly positive.

**Sophia Flanagan-Sjoberg** - Sophia undertook the role of College Captain in 2015, and demonstrated incredible service to the College community. Not only did her leadership role allow her to demonstrate her capacity for mature leadership, she was also a role model within the classroom and in all areas of the school. Sophia has worked extremely hard as College Captain, often picking up extra responsibilities beyond the scope of the role. Sophia also served on the Ampilatwatja mission trip. She was well-respected by her peers. Younger students and staff described Sophia as polite, positive, supportive, kind and caring.



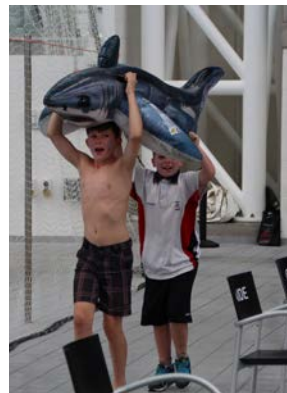
Lucas Taylor & Sophia Flanagan-Sjoberg

**James Kamp** - James was always positive and encouraging of others. His service-orientated personality has shone on two mission trips to Ampilatwatja and he attended Alternative Schoolies. He was extremely hardworking on all major service and charity events in 2015. James was always willing to show empathy to those in need and go beyond his comfort zone to understand other people's situations. James was a constant example to those around him, conducting himself with passion and integrity. His conduct with both staff and students was consistently mature and courteous.

**Jessica Simkin** - Jessica exhibited outstanding service to the Performing Arts throughout her schooling at the College. She was a member of concert band and choirs, and undertook chorus and solo parts in six school musicals. Jessica is the only student to have achieved this record. She was also involved in Troupe Tatchilla, concert parties, and Community Carols events. In all of her involvement in Performing Arts activities, Jessica was humble about her abilities and always willing to learn more. Jessica was a generous, committed, hard-working and enthusiastic performer in everything she undertook.

**Lucas Taylor** - Lucas represented the College extremely well in his role as College Captain. He consistently showed leadership qualities and related to both staff and students in a positive and respectful manner. Lucas demonstrated the qualities of an all-rounder, by devoting countless hours to a diverse variety of activities such as Challenge for Charity, SRC, Project Action, SANTOS Athletics and blood donations. Lucas also had a keen interest in many sports such as cycling, soccer and Ekiden relay and represented the College in these fields too. Lucas completed his College Captain duties with energy and diligence and is a true, young gentleman.





## SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2016

Tuesday 16 February marked the beginning of inter-House competitions with the 7-12 House Swimming Carnival being held at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre at Marion.

The day's proceedings were kicked off with the novelty events which saw students from Middle and Senior School competing in 25m relays.

Following this, the formal competition began in the 50m pool, where a number of new records were posted.

It was a nail biting finish to see who would take out overall winner.

Congratulations to the 2016 winners - Emerald House. Followed closely by Ruby, Topaz and Sapphire.

A special thanks to the numerous parents who came out to support and volunteer as well as the College Sports Coordinators and House Leaders and Coordinators.

Miss Tonia Fielke  
SPORTS COORDINATOR

## TWILIGHT FOOD AFFAIR

On Friday, 18 March Tatchilla held its annual Twilight Food Affair.

The College Soccer Oval was filled with an array of colour and excitement where the biggest crowd we have ever seen enjoyed food stalls, side show activities, and were entertained by a variety of entertainers and the giant fireworks finale, proudly presented by **Fireworks SA**.

Food! Food! Food! was the order of the evening. There was something for everyone; curries, hot dogs, hot potatoes, bbq - sausage sizzle & roast meat rolls, stirfrys, hot chips, lollies & lucky dips, easter eggs & chocolates, milkshakes & toasted sandwiches, and nachos.

And if that wasn't enough you could indulge your sweet tooth with delectable desserts, hot donuts and fairy floss.

Of course all this was complemented by the refreshments from our local brewery and wineries.

Thank you to:

- Goodiesons Brewery
- Scarpantoni Wines
- Shingleback Wines
- Paxton Wines
- Red Doll Wines
- Spring Seed Wine Co.
- Wirra Wirra Wines

And let's not forget our talented musicians who provided a great atmosphere and entertained the crowd throughout the entire evening.

All entertainers gave of their time freely and we sincerely thank you for sharing your talents with us.

Thank you to:

- 'Up Til Dawn'
- TLC Stage Band
- Mia Reschke & Band
- 'The Time Lords'
- Holly Zadow
- TJ Krause
- The Sisters of Abundance Choir
- The Army Reserves Rock Band
- 'Nocturnal Hijinks'

Special thanks our sponsors for their support of the Twilight Food Affair

### MAJOR SPONSORS:

- Romeo's Foodland, McLaren Vale
- Hamilton's Amusements

### SPONSORS:

- Wood N Logs
- The Victory Hotel
- The Cottage Bakery
- John Maidment & Fleurieu Milk
- III Associates Wines

Thank you also to the many people (staff, students, parents and friends) within the College community who so generously supported the Twilight Food Affair. Without your help and support this event would not be possible.

Mrs Kay Digby  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS & FUNDRAISING OFFICER





## YEAR 9 CALLING WALK

As part of the Year 9 Christian Studies program 'Crossroads' the students participate in a challenge day during Term 1, with the girls going to Hallett Cove and the boys to Victor Harbor with their Crossroads and Home Class teachers. **Emily Dunbar** (Middle School Deputy Captain) shares her reflections from the day:

*"This walk was one of which we will all remember throughout our lives. At the start of the walk we split off into Crossroads classes and completed an obstacle course helping us to build teamwork and cooperation skills.*

*We then started the walk through the Hallett Cove Conservation Park. We stopped at a few places along the way and took in the beautiful views.*

*At the end of the walk we reflected on our beliefs and values.*

*This was a great day and one that we will all remember".*

It is our hope that as our young people transition into their adult years, they do so knowing clearly the values they have and how they guide them in the decisions that they make.

**Mr Grant Wildman**  
CHRISTIAN STUDIES COORDINATOR



## YEAR 8 ARVO OUT

On Friday 19 February, the Year 8 students excitedly departed for the Beach House, Glenelg, where students spent the afternoon interacting with their peers developing new friendships with new and returning students to Tatachilla.

Students had the opportunity to enjoy a number of rides and activities including dodgem cars, water slides, basketball shoot outs, carousels and car racing. What a fantastic day!

**Ms Jenna Fowler**  
YEAR 8 COORDINATOR



## YEAR 7 CANBERRA EXPERIENCE

2016 has been filled with many new challenges for our Year 7 students. For each student, there are new classrooms, new teachers, new systems, new books and lockers to deal with. Further to this we add a new technology into the mix with the addition of the iPad.

And on top of all that, they had to make new friends while preparing themselves for the Canberra Experience - and what an experience it was!

Although sleep deprived from our 4.30am check-in, we boarded the flight with a minimum of tears. Once on the flight the excitement grew and the in-flight service received a work-over with many students availing themselves of the "free blankets and pillows". The flight saw us pass over the Sydney Harbour with students getting a clear view of the bridge and Opera House.

While the staff caught up on some sleep during the four hour bus ride, the students marvelled at the traffic, buildings and congestion.

As soon as we arrived in Canberra we went straight into activities at the Australian War Memorial. Many of our students had researched fallen service personnel and it was moving to see them place a poppy in the Wall of Remembrance to honour them. While there we were honoured to be asked to provide two students to lay a wreath at the Eternal Flame. The ceremony was extremely well attended as the French Minister of Defence was visiting at the same time.

The next two days saw us visit many of the political and cultural attractions Canberra has to offer. In Parliament House, students were very happy to see our Prime Minister in question time, and they were intrigued as they listened to Parliamentary debate right before their very eyes.

We viewed Canberra from the top of Mount Ainslie and then scaled down it. Many students commented on this activity, as it allowed them to experience the environment that surrounds our nation's capital.

Hands on fun was had at CSIRO, AIS and Questacon and many of our students invested \$3 in creating their very own \$1 coin at the Australian Mint!

All in all, 'The Canberra Experience' was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents who entrusted us to take their children on this trip. Your children were outstanding in their respect and manners. While away we received a great deal of feedback from other visitors on the high quality of our students behaviour, uniform and polite manner in which they conversed with others.

We would also like to thank the Australian Government for contributing \$60 per student towards the cost of our trip. The Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit our nation's capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education and provides a grant to schools to help meet some of the costs.

**Mr Michael Ebert**  
YEAR 7 COORDINATOR





## YEAR 12 RETREAT

During Week 10 of Term 1 the Year 12s travelled to the Mylor Adventure Camp for their retreat.

The quaint picturesque scenery of the Adelaide Hills in autumn lends itself to really allowing the students to take a step back from their studies and build a strong sense of community between themselves and with the staff.

The retreat was themed around the idea of hope and this is explored through their CRAVE seminar groups.

On the first night we had two guest speakers, Mr Cain McDonald and Mr Jim Brown, who both brought two completely different stories, but both expressed the challenges that life can throw at someone and how hope played a role in helping them through.

Having the Year 12s see staff members grapple with tough things in life is aimed to deliberately model to students that it is okay to struggle, doubt, or get angry. But ultimately, it's about knowing that there is always hope, and share strategies around how they might find it through close connections to others.

The following day students participated in a range of action-packed activities seeing them working together as a team, challenging themselves in strength and strategy, or simply getting completely covered in mud, 'tough-mudder' style.

*"The mud challenge was by far the highlight of my retreat – it was liberating to have fun like a child again".*



During the evening the group refocused on the theme of hope through the very moving, candle lighting ceremony.

*"The candle lighting experience had a positive and memorable impact on me, I will never forget it".*

During the final morning our guest speaker, Mr Armondo Hurley shared his story of hope, despite being nearly beaten to death while in an American roadhouse as a 17-year-old boy. His incredible resistance to not pity himself, nor to hate those who wished him harm, inspired us all.

**Mr Chris McElligot**  
YEAR 12 COORDINATOR



## YEAR 8 FLINDERS RANGES CAMP

Early Monday morning the Year 8 students departed Tatchilla at 8am heading for the Flinders Ranges. After a long day students arrived at their designated camp sites to settle into their dorms or pitch their tents for the evening. For some of the students this would be the first opportunity to pitch a tent or cook food or see some of remote South Australia.

Students set up camp across three areas: Rawnsley Park Station, Wilpena Pound and Willow Springs. Throughout the week students had many amazing experiences, including, Arkaroo walk, bike riding, bus tour to the mines, Homestead walks, cooking and even cleaning dishes.

The evening times gave the students the opportunity to interact with fellow peers around the camp fire sharing stories and getting to know other people. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to create or strengthen their relationships with people in their year level. Staff had prepared and delivered games to assist with the development of relationships each evening for students to enjoy. Many staff and students commented that they enjoyed learning more about each other at their camp site.

Throughout the week there were many highlights mentioned by the students including:

*"The mountain bike riding was exciting as we went through lots of puddles and got muddy."* **Kynan, Sam & Luke**

*"I really enjoyed the camp fire at night."* **Abbey**

*"We had a mud fight during the bike ride."* **Halle**

*"It was a good opportunity to see a different scenery."* **Jessica**

*"It was nice to create new friendships and strengthen old ones."* **Georgia**

I would like to acknowledge and thank all the staff and their efforts through the camp. We appreciate their extra support and contributions to this amazing camp.

We hope that the Year 8 students were able to enjoy themselves, create new friendships and memories that they can take with them beyond Year 8.

**Mrs Jenna Fowler**  
YEAR 8 COORDINATOR



## AN ACT OF RESPECT



On Tuesday 22 March at the Year 11 Meeting, two students, **Yanni Carapetis** and **Jedd Elliott** made a special presentation to one of their favourite teachers, Mr Greg Hettner.

Mr Hettner now retired due to health reasons and a number of students wanted to do something special before he left.

Aware that Mr Hettner is currently building a yacht, they wanted to give him something towards his endeavour and set up a crowd-funding website.

To their surprise, over 200 people, including students, staff and parents supported their cause and they raised just over \$6,000!

Mr Hettner was astounded by such a special gesture and the generosity of others. It was a special moment to see the care and respect between these students and one of their mentors.

**Mr Mark Turner**  
YEAR 11 COORDINATOR







## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS DAY 2016

What another incredible day we had in March. God blessed us with the perfect conditions with the sun shining and slight cloud cover. The groundsmen did a splendid job marking the track and field lines for our races, tabloid events and afternoon arena. The array of equipment was laid out by a dedicated Junior School Staff team and it was time to "let the games begin!"

As always the students never failed to impress with their enthusiasm which was clearly displayed on both their faces and in their decorative house coloured attire. Before too long the Junior School transformed into a rainbow of colour, generating a vibrant buzz from start to finish.

With the students continuing to grow in skill and technique, both track and field records were broken.

Congratulations to the following students who now currently hold the school records in the following events:

- **Kade McNamara** – Reception Boys 30m
- **Matilda Genders** – Year 1 Girls 50m
- **Anna Goad** – Year 2 Girls 50m
- **Max Garnett** – Year 3 Boys 80m
- **Karlu Roscrow-Kreis** – Year 4 Boy Discus
- **Michael Zitis** – Year 4 Boy Equal Record Long Jump
- **Grace Reynolds** - Year 5 Girls 200m and Vortex Throw
- **Taylor Goad** – Year 5 Boys 200m
- **Josh Jurado** – Year 5 Boys 400m, 800m and Discus
- **Matilda Ebert** – Year 6 Girls 400m and 800m
- **Jamie Murphy** – Year 6 Girls Long Jump
- **Abebaw Krause** – Year 6 Boys Discus and Vortex Throw

Mrs Fiona Gore  
JS PE SPECIALIST



## SPORTS DAY 2016

Tatachilla's annual Sports Day was held on Friday 11 March 2016. Students, staff and families enjoyed a very warm, fun-filled and competitive day.

Students competed in a number of athletic and novelty events, wearing their team colours with pride. The House spirit was well and truly alive as students and staff cheered on participants and took part in the end of day 'cheer off'.

Final results were:

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| House Spirit  | Sapphire |
| Senior School | Topaz    |
| Junior School | Sapphire |
| Overall       | Topaz    |

Congratulations to the 7-12 Year Level Champions:

- Year 7 **Robbie Hunt, Millie Cross**
- Year 8 **Lachlan Bellen, Halle Njoroge**
- Year 9 **Tom Neville, Sarah Wright**
- Year 10 **Lochlan Bradley, Kiara Bedford**
- Year 11 **Byron Goodrick, Charlotte Gribble**
- Year 12 **Kent Cooper, Ellyn Hutchens**

Thank you to everyone who helped on the day. Special thanks to parents and friends who came down to support the event.

Miss Tonia Fielke  
SPORTS COORDINATOR







## CAMBODIA TRIP 2015

*Don't become so adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking...*

**Romans 12: 1,2**

After 18 months of preparation twelve Year 11 students and three staff experienced a journey that they will remember forever.

Cambodia is a country of contrasts with oppressive heat and humidity, a horrific history, extreme poverty yet people overflowing with happiness, faith and love. These conditions were the back drop for life altering experiences for all of our travellers.

Reading to children, teaching English, purchasing and presenting education packs to rural families and developing friendships across language and cultural barriers were just some of the rich experiences we shared. The global Lutheran connections allowed us to visit outreach programs and be involved in conducting lessons with families in make shift classrooms with dirt floors, wandering livestock and groups of local adults watching on. Through torrential rain and flooding the lessons continued.

Crickets, hard-boiled fertilized duck eggs and fried spiders were part of the culinary choices that turned heads and stomachs. We were moved by our visits to the temples of *Angkor Watt* and emotionally touched at our visit to the *Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum* (site of the notorious Security Prison 21 (S-21) and Killing Fields). Yet the most treasured memories from our journey are the one's that involve friendship and love.

We thank the College Council, Mr Colin Minke, Mr Cain McDonald and Ms Sarah Hoff-Zweck for their guidance and leadership and the Tatachilla community for your support.

With the success of the inaugural Cambodia Journey we now hope that this experience and relationship with our Cambodian Lutheran connections will continue far into the future.

**Mr Mike Ebert**  
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT WELLBEING (2015)



## JAPAN TOUR

On Saturday 9 April, eight very excited Tatachilla Lutheran College students, together with Mr McDonald, Mrs Lee and Mr Ward, jetted off on a wonderful, two week adventure to Japan.

Waving goodbye to our families and friends, we boarded our plane. Our first stop was Singapore. With an eight hour layover, and the Changi Airport being one of the largest and busiest airports in the world, we got to enjoy the different options available including; shopping, massage chairs, free wi-fi, shopping, movie cinemas and yes more shopping!

After our next connecting flight we arrived in Osaka, Japan the next morning and headed straight for the cultural capital of Japan, Kyoto.

Kyoto boasts a number of key cultural Japanese attractions and over the next few days, we would enjoy visits to famous Japanese temples and shrines. Highlights included a visit to the Golden Temple (Kinkakuji) and watching an amazing traditional Geisha performance.

Our next destination was our sister school, Toryo High School in Kumamoto City. After their visit to the College last August, it was truly fantastic to catch up with our friends again. They gave us a most wonderful welcome, clapping as we entered the Assembly Hall and making us feel very special.

With our friends, we enjoyed different lessons, including origami, a Japanese Tea Ceremony and much more. We originally planned to stay for five nights, however, during the second night of our homestay the first Kumamoto earthquake occurred forcing us to return to Osaka (prior to the second quake). We cannot thank the Toryo community enough for the way they looked after us and we continue to keep our friends in our prayers as they recover from these events.

Over the next week, we enjoyed a number of wonderful Japanese cities. We visited Universal Studios in Osaka, Hiroshima Peace Park and Miyajima Island, both World Heritage listed sites. We finished our tour in Tokyo, visiting Tokyo Disneyland, Odaiba, Akihabara Electric Town and riding the monorail around Tokyo Bay.

Our last night dinner and karaoke was a night that none of us will ever forget – belting out the tunes and reliving what was such a wonderful tour. We had a ball and I really thank all members for making the tour what it was, and the way they represented the College.

**Mr Peter Ward**  
JAPANESE COORDINATOR







## CHALK THE WALK

On Thursday 2 June students participated in the inaugural 'Chalk the Walk' House event.

Due to the wet conditions the event was moved to the undercover courts. But despite the rain the students were keen to participate and support their House.

The theme of the drawings was 'Live Love' and each House group were given a quarter of the area to create their interpretation of what 'Live Love' looked like.

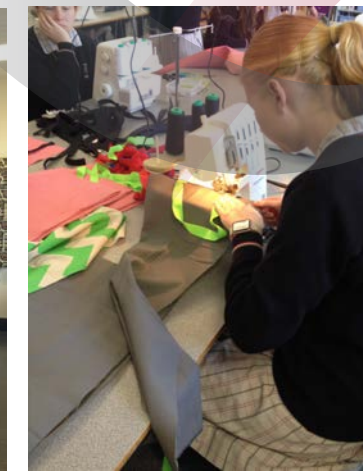
House Leaders provided ideas for the designs, with all students getting into the spirit of the event. The final designs were truly inspiring.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Middle & Senior School - **Emerald House**

Junior School - **Topaz House**

A fantastic time lapse video was produced of the event. Be sure to check it out on our channel at <https://vimeo.com/169176429>



## NT MISSION TRIP AMPILATWATJA 2016

If you were to ask me what my thoughts and expectations were for the NT Mission Trip in July this year, I would say that I'm honestly a little anxious, yet full of excitement as the trip to Ampilatwatja and surrounding Aboriginal communities draws closer.

My expectations of the trip would be that I will get to have an experience I never thought possible, including experiences such as being in a completely different environment, seeing new things I have never seen, such as Uluru and the red dusty soil.

I'll get to try new things, have the chance to create new friendships and build stronger relationships with the group of students and staff that are going.

Most importantly, I'll be able to learn from another culture.

This year, the NT Mission Trip team thought that it would be a good idea to make dilly bags to give to the children in the communities.

The Year 11 Child Studies students were asked if they would like to make these bags. It just so happens that I am in this class and am lucky enough to get the chance to see the journey of the bags from the moment they are started to be made, to the moment we hand them to the children.

The class agreed to do this for the Mission Trip and are hoping to produce at least three or more bags per person in the class. That is a total of 48-50 bags, or possibly more that are going to be made.

The dilly bags will be filled with exercise books, pencils, pens and other stationery, either donated or purchased with money from the Harmony Day Casual Day.

**Lucy Munzberg**

YEAR 11





## OLD SCHOLARS NEWS



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**1/ Emily Corbett** (1999-2003) married **Samuel Thompson** (2001-2003) on Saturday 20 February 2016 in the gardens of Emily's parents property at Willunga. Emily is currently back at her old school, but this time as a teacher.

**2/ Ryan Kitto** (2008-2012) after a fantastic season with the Newcastle Jets Ryan has signed with Adelaide United for the 2016/17 season with the option of extending his contract for a further season. Ryan was previously part of the Reds' Youth Team and in the 2013/14 season, he appeared twice for United as a second-half substitute. Welcome home Ryan!

**3/ Samantha Mills** (2005-2009), who together with her partner Esther, won a Bronze Medal in the 3-metre synchro final at a World Cup meet in Rio. Sam will now compete in the Rio Olympics as part of the Australian Swim Team.

**4/ Tonia Fielke** (2002-2004) Tonia will travel with her team in July to compete in the World Crossfit Games to be held in California, USA. After online qualifying the team was able to qualify tenth in the Pacific Region (Australia, New Zealand and Asia) which earned them a spot in the Pacific Regionals. The competition was held over three days with a very exciting last event enabling the team to jump from seventh to fifth to qualify for a spot in the World Crossfit Games.

**5/ Sam Miles** (2004-2008) has indeed been very busy. Now part of the Welsh Guard he recently had the opportunity to make a short visit home after performing at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo held at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne. He also got to meet Prince Charles during a performance with The Guards of the Welsh Band in London, United Kingdom.

**Sally Cupit** (nee Davis) (1995-1999) and her husband Lochy welcomed Noah Toby Cupit into the world on Saturday 19 March 2016.

**Mark DeLaine** (1995-1999) and his wife Fiona welcomed their first child, Bryce John Mills DeLaine on 21 April 2016.

**Emma Koop** (2003-2007) announced her engagement to Marek Ourednik in February this year. Emma and Marek will be married on 16 July in Prague, Czech Republic.

## NEWS OF OLD SCHOLARS

Congratulations To **Melanie Cummins** (nee Cook) (2000, 2002-2004 ) who recently obtained her Commercial Pilot Licence.

Melanie credits her teachers for their support and guidance to be able to have the opportunity to complete a Student Pathways to Aviation Subject in Year 11 as part of her SACE.

*"From this opportunity, I have formed contacts and relationships who have supported and nurtured this journey".*

Melanie travelled 14 hour round trips to Adelaide to complete her Commercial Flight Training and seven theory exams in order to achieve this goal.

Melanie lives with her husband and children in a small farming community in the middle of the Eyre Peninsula.

## THE BENEFIT OF BEING A TLC OLD SCHOLAR

**Priority Enrolment to Tatchilla Lutheran College** for your children! (Contact the Enrolments Office on 8323 9588)

Beyond the Ridge newsletter posted to you twice per year so that you can keep up to date with other past students. (Email: [news@tatchilla.sa.edu.au](mailto:news@tatchilla.sa.edu.au) if you wish to update your details)

Reunions: Successful ten year reunions are held each year.

## REUNION DATES

Class of 2005 & 2006  
10 Year Reunions

**Sunday 23 October 2016**

Class of 2007 10 Year Reunion

**Sunday 22 October 2017 (TBC)**

## STAY IN TOUCH

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**www:** All of the details regarding reunions for TLC can be found online at our new website [www.tatchilla.sa.edu.au/events/old-scholars](http://www.tatchilla.sa.edu.au/events/old-scholars)

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# 10 YEAR REUNION

## CLASSES OF 2005 & 2006

*students who attended TLC in 2001-2005 & 2002-2006*

### Sunday 23rd October 2016

To be held at the  
**Victory Hotel Sellicks Beach**

**12.30pm drinks**  
**1.30pm lunch**

*this is a "pay as you go event" for menu & pricing visit <http://victoryhotel.com.au/>*

**RSVP by 9th October 2016**

To book your spot (tables 10) RSVP online at <https://www.trybooking.com/192818>  
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