



# tatachilla NEWS



Term 1 Week 6 | Thursday 7 March 2024

## from the **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

### **COMMUNITY: A PLACE TO BELONG**

This week we installed our 2024 Student Representative Council (SRC) leaders in an R-12 chapel service. It was a joy to see our community coming together to acknowledge and celebrate students across the college who have courageously stepped up to listen to, advocate for and represent their peers in matters that are important to students. Our SRC has the opportunity to impact many aspects of the college community. Their feedback, opinions and ideas genuinely matter. Leadership takes courage, sacrifice, humility, vision, strong communication skills, and empathy for others. Our SRC for 2024 have already shown their capacity for empathy and even more importantly, their integrity. The integrity to do the right thing even when others may not. The integrity to do the right thing when no one else is looking. The integrity to be true to yourself and what you believe, in any given situation. This year's SRC leaders will make our community richer for their input.

In August last year, our 2023 college captains and I attended a civic reception to recognise and thank the City of Onkaparinga's Year 12 student leadership groups. During her speech, Mayor Moira Were AM, turned and pointed to us and highlighted our college stating, "Tatachilla does community like no one else". And you know what...she was right, we really do.

After relaunching Twilight Food Affair in spectacular style last year, we are very excited for the upcoming 2024 Twilight Food Affair on Friday 22 March. It is an outstanding community event which has been taken to the next level with more food trucks than ever before, a family BBQ at 4:30pm for younger attendees, four hours of live music, including a guest appearance from Adelaide singing sensation Trav Collins, and an awesome fireworks display to end the evening.

I look forward to seeing you at the Twilight Food Affair to connect, celebrate and enjoy our wonderful Tatachilla community.

**Ashley Coats**  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Our 2024 SRC leaders



# from the JUNIOR YEARS

## OUR FABULOUS CREEK!

As a part of our community-building focus for the start of the year, the Year 2 cohort dedicated several lessons to playing in the Tatachilla creek together. The children loved it and we saw so much benefit from the activities the children were engaging in, that we decided to continue this and spend a lesson engaged in nature play every week.

There are many documented benefits of nature play, including:

- Communing with and appreciating nature
- Improving the ability to take risks safely
- Building resilience - sometimes we fall but we get back up again
- Developing our imagination through using objects from nature for new purposes in our play
- Collaborating and enjoying each other's company
- Physical development of muscle groups as we climb, swing, drag logs and dig the ground - this then supports our fine motor development for handwriting
- Sensory experiences

When asked what they most enjoyed, the children in Year 2 named; making cubbies, tree climbing, rope swinging as well as creating stews, muffins and cakes in the mud kitchen.

For our new students, they have enjoyed new friends teaching them how to climb the tree and swing on the rope safely. The creek was described as 'fun, beautiful and exciting!'

Our creek had a revamp over the Christmas school holidays, and a brand-new bridge was constructed. The whole area is impressive, but the bridge has become a unique feature. We are very thankful for this precious area and the learning, development and fun we experience there.

What the students said:

"I like respecting nature, feeling peace with the birds and swinging on the rope." **Leo Titterton**

"I like using wood, rocks, grass clippings, pine cones and bark and pretending we are making campfires and ovens." **Jasmin Odell**

"In the mud kitchen, I like feeling the mud and getting my hands dirty." **Abby Fotia**

"I love digging in the ground to find clay, rocks, tree roots and other stuff." **Salman Rana**

"I love opening my rock shop and selling rocks that look really cool." **Jasmine Hall**

"I love swinging on the rope and spending time with my friends." **Jude Wendelborn**

"I like that at the creek you can imagine making rocks and diamonds and getting to explore by climbing trees." **Zahra Doherty**

**Tracey Alderman, Martin Thompson and Isabella Scibberas**  
YEAR 2 TEACHERS



Year 2 students enjoying the creek



# from the **MIDDLE AND SENIOR YEARS**

## **ADVANCED ATHLETE STUDENTS LEAD YEAR 7 AND 8 STUDENTS TO STANDARD'S DAY SUCCESS!**

This week our amazing students in the Year 10 Advanced Athlete Development Program led our Year 7 and Year 8 students through Standard's Day. Standard's Day gives every student the opportunity to participate in all athletic events, consolidating their learning in Physical Education classes and in preparation for Sports Day in Week 10.

From the moment the air horn blew, our students hit the ground running – quite literally – as they competed in a variety of track and field events. From the adrenaline rush of the sprint races to the precision of the shot put and long jump, every event showcased the talent and determination of our students.

Standard's Day isn't just about individual performance – it's about coming together as a House and representing yourself and team with pride. Our students demonstrated teamwork throughout the day, supporting each other and giving their best every step of the way.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Year 7 and 8 Standard's Day a resounding success – from the Year 10 Advanced Athlete Development Program students to our Property Services team, as well as Tonia Fielke and Rebecca Schirmer.

We can't wait to see what our Year 7 and 8 students can do for Sports Day in Week 10!

**Jimmy Grant**

7-12 HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION LEARNING LEADER



Year 7 and 8 Standard's Day

## **HOSTING WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS**

Our Year 10 students will be participating in a week of work experience from Monday 24 - Friday 28 June. Students are asked to find placement in an industry of interest.

It is always much appreciated when members of the Tatachilla community are willing to support a student for the week. Depending on the industry, students are aware they may need a white card or Working with Children's Check.

If you are able to host a student in your workplace for a week, please contact me.

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**Linda Wright**

CAREERS AND VET COORDINATOR



# from the **OUTDOOR EDUCATION TEAM**

## **NAVIGATING ADVENTURE: YEAR 11 AND 12 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CLASS SETS SAIL!**

Our Year 11 and 12 Outdoor Education class has embarked on a sailing voyage of discovery, learning, and adventure.

Under the guidance of our experienced teachers and instructors, our students wasted no time in diving into the fundamentals of sailing. From tying knots to understanding wind patterns, they absorbed a wealth of knowledge while honing their practical skills on the water. Every lesson was a chance to learn something new, to push boundaries and to discover the thrill of harnessing the power of the wind.

Sailing isn't just an individual sport – it's a team effort that requires collaboration, communication and trust. Our students quickly learned the importance of working together as they manoeuvred their sailboats through the water. Whether it was coordinating tack changes or navigating currents, they relied on each other to ensure smooth sailing.

We look forward to witnessing the journey of growth, discovery and achievement that lies ahead. Our students are not just mastering the art of sailing – they're discovering more about themselves, each other and their capabilities.

### **Jimmy Grant**

7-12 HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION LEARNING LEADER



Year 11 and 12 Outdoor Education students taking part in sailing



# from the **ECO TEAM**

## **YEAR 3 VISIT**

This fortnight the Year 3 classes visited the EcoClassroom Sanctuary to learn about living things. The budding biologists were guided through the Sanctuary stopping at select spots to look at the evidence for plants being living things. In the classroom, the young botanists also peered through microscopes to look at the more peculiar parts of plants.

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) DAY**

The EcoClassroom Sanctuary was proud to host the first meeting for the Middle and Senior School Student Representative Council (SRC). Students developed their communication skills through a series of games and challenges as well as looked into new programs for 2024. Staff and students alike enjoyed a BBQ feast cooked by our top teacher chefs. The EcoTeam would like to thank the SRC for showing care and respect to the space and hope to see them all again soon.



Student Representative Council meet in the EcoClassroom Sanctuary

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS BACK AT THE ECOCLASSROOM SANCTUARY; NATURE POTTERY**

We recently ran another sold out spoon carving community workshop at the college EcoClassroom Sanctuary. We'd love to invite our families to connect with nature, art and native animals at our exclusive workshops and events at the EcoClassroom Sanctuary at Tatachilla Lutheran College. Upcoming workshops include family 'Bettongs at Dusk' tours, botanical drawing, more woodworking and kids' nature connection school holiday events.

Our next event is 'Nature Pottery' on Saturday 16 March. For more information and tickets head to this link:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/nature-pottery-2024>

**Dani Austin, Katie Hollis and Tim Leggatt**  
ECO TEAM



Year 3 students visit the EcoClassroom Sanctuary

# from the **MUSIC TEAM**



## **MEET THE TUTOR**

### **Stephanie Eaton**

"Hello everyone and thank you for the lovely welcome to the Tatachilla community. I am thrilled to join the vibrant community here as one of the voice tutors and am an advocate for the transformative power of music through singing.

My life's work and joy has been in vocal and choral music, not simply because it's such a beautiful art form, but because it's such a powerful way to connect with others and an integral part of being human by our collective stories through song. The personal confidence and musical skills that students develop through voice lessons and singing activities is such a privilege to guide and witness. It's the space where they can be happy and free from the outside world.

With a background in vocal education, choral conducting, and music education, I've had the privilege of working with some incredible ensembles, musicians and students across Australia. From conducting young primary school choirs as well as adults and singing in renowned vocal ensembles like Fusion Vocal Ensemble in Brisbane and Aurora from Young Adelaide Voices, I've been fortunate to immerse myself in the rich tapestry of musical experiences.

As I embark on this new journey with Tatachilla, I'm eager to share my love for music through singing to create a year of delightful musical experiences. I look forward to seeing you on the journey!"

## **OTHER NEWS IN MUSIC**

Our string ensemble is looking for members who have been playing for longer than a year.

There are currently opportunities for percussionists and drummers in our ensembles program.

Any musicians are welcome. If at any time you'd like to join an ensemble because you sing or play another instrument, you're more than welcome. Please reach out to the music department if you are interested.

## **BIG SING ON BROADWAY AT TATACHILLA**

On Sunday 12 May in the Tatachilla gym, hundreds of singers will join the Norwood Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Mark DeLaine, a Tatachilla foundation student, and now one of Adelaide's top music theatre conductors.

And there are more Tatachilla connections - the children's choir at the event will be made up of Mark's Choir at St Peter's Woodlands and our own Junior School Choir, directed by Sarah Whiteley, who is also one of the four featured soloists.

Also, the Music Director of Big Sing McLaren Vale is Greg John, Tatachilla's former Performing Arts Coordinator for the college's first 21 years.

Check out the details and the full program at [www.bigsing.org.au](http://www.bigsing.org.au)

Because of their special relationship with Tatachilla, Big Sing is offering free registration to Middle and Senior School student singers.

Interested students will need to give their names to Mrs Koop at the music office and she will then give them access to the online scores and learning tracks.

Adult members of the Tatachilla community are also encouraged to participate by registering through the Big Sing website.

## **REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

Monday 6 - Friday 10 May (time and location tbc)  
An evening rehearsal in Adelaide with the conductor

Saturday 11 May, 10:00am - 12:30pm  
Big Sing chorus tech rehearsal with conductor and soloists, Tatachilla Lutheran College

Saturday 11 May, 1:30pm - 4:30pm  
Full orchestral rehearsal with chorus and soloists, Tatachilla Lutheran College

Sunday 12 May, 3:00pm - 5:00pm  
Performance (includes 20 minute interval)  
Tatachilla Lutheran College

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



## WELCOMING TORYO HIGH SCHOOL TO TATACHILLA - JAPANESE STUDENT VISIT

We are pleased to announce that Tatachilla Lutheran College will be hosting a group of Japanese students and teachers from our sister school, Toryo High School, during Term 3, 2024. From Sunday 28 July to Monday 5 August (exact dates to be confirmed), Japanese students and teachers will be coming from Japan to live and study in our community. We are seeking interested college families to host a Japanese Toryo High School student for this time. This will be a wonderful opportunity for families to host a Japanese student, learn about the Japanese culture and in the process, make new friends. This will be Toryo's first visit back to Tatachilla in five years and in past years, this has been a truly wonderful experience. We encourage everyone to be involved in this exchange visit.

The students are approximately 15-16 years old and we are hoping to have as many students as possible hosted by families from within the school. This opportunity is therefore open to all students from Reception to Year 12, where priority will be given to families with Middle/Senior School students.

We will be conducting an information session on Wednesday 13 March from 5:45pm-6:30pm in the Activity Centre. We encourage any families that are interested in this experience to join us to learn more and have an opportunity to ask questions. There will be a follow-up meeting once all students have been allocated a host family.

If you are able to offer accommodation for a Japanese student or would like further information, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/WRZzp16kejUe7R5D6>.

For additional information, please contact Carly Mair on 8329 4433 or [carly.mair@tatachilla.sa.edu.au](mailto:carly.mair@tatachilla.sa.edu.au). Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!

**Carly Mair**  
STUDENT SERVICES OFFICER



Toryo student visit in 2019

**SAVE THE DATE**

# Twilight FOOD & Affair **IS BACK!**

**FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2024 • 4.30PM – 9.00PM**

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# SPORTS NEWS

## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Isabel Cranage** (Year 10), **Nicholas Munzberg** (Year 8) and **Annabelle Hockey** (Year 7) who competed in the SSSA Cycling Championships on Tuesday 20 February at Victoria Park.

Well done to Isabel who finished 4th in A-grade, Nicholas 10th in D-grade and Annabelle 3rd in C-grade, earning herself a bronze medal and podium photo. Tatachilla placed 6th overall, which was a fantastic achievement considering that we only had three representatives. We are very proud of Isabel, Nicholas and Annabelle's achievements.

Congratulations to **Patrick Marchetti** who has been selected in the Onkaparinga South District Softball team to compete at the SAPSASA State Carnival held on Monday 25 - Wednesday 27 March at West Beach.

## SAPSASA SWIMMING

On Sunday 25 February the following students competed in the SAPSASA District Swimming Trials; **Keira Tucker, Juno Worth, Willow Alexopoulos, George Archontidis, Abigail Adams** and **Patrick Marchetti**. Some of their achievements include:

- Keira Tucker - 1st open 100m freestyle, 1st 12-and-under 50m butterfly (heat 2), 1st 12-and-under 50m freestyle (heat 2)
- Juno Worth - 2nd open 100m freestyle, 2nd 12-and-under 50m butterfly (heat 3), 2nd 12-and-under 50m freestyle (heat 3), 2nd 12-and-under 50m backstroke (heat 3)
- Patrick Marchetti - 3rd 12-and-under 50m freestyle (heat 3), 2nd 12-and-under breaststroke (heat 3)
- Willow Alexopoulos - 2nd 12-and-under 50m freestyle (heat 1), 1st 12-and-under breaststroke (heat 1)
- Abigail Adams - 3rd 12-and-under 50m freestyle (heat 3), 2nd 12-and-under breaststroke (heat 3)

Congratulations to **Abigail Adams, Juno Worth, Keira Tucker** and **Sarah Kwok** who have been selected to represent Onkaparinga South at the State Swimming Championships on Tuesday 9 April at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Abigail will be competing in the 12 year-old girls 4x50m relay. Juno will compete in the 12 year-old girls 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly and 4x50m relay. Keira will compete in the 11-year old girls 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 100m open freestyle and 11 year-old 4x50m relay. Sarah Kwok will compete in the 10 year-old girls 4x50m relay. Good luck to all students competing.

**Airlie Schirmer**

STUDENT SERVICES OFFICER - SPORT AND HPE

## SSSA SWIMMING

On Thursday 29 February, our small squad of Year 7-12 swimmers travelled to the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre at Marion to compete in the SSSA Swimming Championships. Our team consisted of **Chloe Klingner, Jack Walker, Tom Ainsworth, Madeleine Scott, Toby Murphy, Isabel Cranage, Grace Syvertsen, Noah Rowe, Bejay Thomas, Saige Sunczyk, Jacob Horn, Adi Overcash, Annabelle Hockey, Emily Reyn, Isabella Garcia** and **Shay Barker**. We had many great swimmers and competitive races to watch throughout the day, but most importantly, a team of supportive and encouraging team members that represented our college beautifully.

Our open boys' freestyle relay consisting of **Jack Walker, Bejay Thomas, Tom Ainsworth** and **Toby Murphy**, were once again able to come away with a first place in the freestyle relay which was a race highlight for our day as well as a third place in the open boys' medley.

Other place-getters on the day included:

- Jack Walker - 1st 50m backstroke division 1, 1st 100m freestyle division 1, 1st 50m freestyle division 1.
- Toby Murphy - 2nd 50m butterfly division 1, 1st 100m freestyle division 2, 2nd 50m freestyle division 1.
- Tom Ainsworth - 2nd 50m butterfly division 2, 2nd 50m freestyle division 2.
- Annabelle Hockey - 3rd 50 backstroke division 3, 3rd 50 breaststroke division 3,
- Bejay Thomas - 3rd 50 backstroke division 1, 3rd 50m freestyle division 1.
- Isabella Garcia - 3rd 50m freestyle division 3.

We had a great day out and are looking forward to competing again next year. Thank you to **Summer Ballantine** and **Charlotte King** for your support with time keeping on the day and to the many parents who came along to support the day.

**Tonia Fielke**

SPORTS COORDINATOR



SSSA swimming team



# calendar DATES

## Term 1 Week 7

### Monday 11 March

Public holiday

### Tuesday 12 March

Excursion: Open boys and girls Futsal

Excursion: Year 11/12 Outdoor Ed, sailing

### Wednesday 13 March

Years 7-12 chapel service, 8.55am

Information night: Japan Tomyo visit,  
5.45pm, Activity Centre

### Wednesday 13 - Friday 15 March

NAPLAN tests, Years 3, 5, 7, 9

### Thursday 14 March

Recycling club, 2.30pm

EcoRangers, EcoClassroom Sanctuary,  
3.30pm

### Friday 15 March

Junior School chapel service, Reception  
bible presentations, 8.55am

Years 7-12 assembly, 12.20pm

Excursion: Stage 1 and 2 Dance

## Term 1 Week 8

### Monday 18 March

NAPLAN tests

Incursion: Year 10 Textiles eco-dying

### Monday 18 - Friday 22 March

NAPLAN tests, catch-up

Year 6 swimming week

### Tuesday 19 March

Junior School assembly, 2.35pm

### Wednesday 20 March

Years 7-12 chapel service, 8.55am

Excursion: Year 12 seminar, Seaford  
Ecumenical Mission

### Thursday 21 March

Excursion: Year 10 rock climbing

EcoRangers, EcoClassroom Sanctuary,  
3.30pm

### Friday 22 March

Twilight Food Affair, 4.30pm - 9.00pm

TERM DATES >

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COLLEGE CALENDAR >

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# Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



Term 1, Week 6

**Tatachilla Lutheran College OSHC**

**Your  
OSHC.**



## A message from your Coordinator

Hello to all our OSHC families, can you believe we are in week 6 already!

Each week we are continuing to welcome new children and their families to OSHC which has been lovely to see.

We've had a busy first few weeks of art and craft, with this week being all about our family and friends. Our sports incursions on Monday afternoons have brought a positive change to our program and it has been great to see children brave the heat and get out there and participate with Coach Brian.

We would like to remind families that our Rocketeers program is now live and bookings can be made via the Parent Portal. We encourage families to get in quick!

Enjoy the week ahead!



## Activities coming up

- Vision Board
- Q & A Families
- Friendship bracelets
- Yoga
- Pet Collars
- Plus-Plus construction

## Make a booking

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



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