Welcome to the new school year, and particularly to our new students, families and staff that join our wonderful community. We have been blessed with an energetic and positive beginning to the year, underpinned by our College wide theme – ‘Live. Love Learn.’

The College wide theme is grounded in a passage from Luke 2:52, “Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and all people”.

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 College Theme are inevitably linked. As we come to experience the love of Christ each day in our learning environment, we do so in hope that each child will also experience a sense of achievement, purpose and self-worth, loved and lived real experiences in our community.

As we consider what it means to live, love and learn at Tatachilla Lutheran College this year, we are challenged individually and collectively to reinvent and refresh ourselves for another journey.

At our Opening Service some very special moments were held. This included the installation of new Executive staff including, Mrs Marylyn Marshall, Head of Senior School; Mr Neil Leek, Business Manager and Mr Andy Edelsten, Human Resources Manager.

In addition, we welcomed back some of the Class of 2016, particularly Samuel Brown, our College Dux for 2016 after attaining an ATAR score of 97.70 and Merit recipients, Madeleine Camm, Nabil Humphrey, Kelsey Spears, and Tahlia Zadow.

Reflecting on his commitment, dedication and hard work throughout last year Sam wished the Class of 2017 all the best for the coming year.

As we connect together at the beginning of a new year, it is our hope that each child finds their place in our community where they can come to know and understand their own self-worth, where they can come to excel through their personal goals and where they develop a deep understanding of how they can serve beyond the immediate.
WELCOME

One of the hallmarks of our community is our ability to embrace, welcome and support new students and families as they come to experience and grow in our community for the first time. Times of change can be challenging and demanding, however our College is well equipped with professional and collaborative staff to ease the change process. Please do not hesitate to speak to our staff should you have any questions as the new year commences.

YEAR 12 2016 RESULTS

Further to the outstanding results of Samuel Brown, I extend congratulations to all members from the Class of 2016. Just under 20% of our cohort received ‘A’ grades last year, while the following students were commended last week at our Opening Service also for attaining an ATAR score over 90:

- Samuel Brown 97.70
- Nabil Humphrey 97.10
- Morgan Gomer 95.95
- Tahlia Zadow 95.00
- Harriet Trubshaw 92.65

In addition to these outstanding achievements, university offers in January provided 83% of students who applied for university entry being offered their first choice of course.

We wish each and every one of the Year 12 students from 2016 every blessing for their future pathways.

MAJOR EVENTS

Thank you to the many parents and caregivers who have attended recent Information Nights – Reception, Years 7-10 and this week Years 11 and 12. Next week our Years 1-5 families will have an opportunity to hear from teachers and leadership staff.

In addition, parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend and support our Swimming Carnival which will be held next Tuesday at the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre, Marion from 10am.

All students in Years 7-12 are expected in attendance for this compulsory school event, with some Years 5 and 6 students also participating.

As we commence 2017 I wish each member of our community peace, joy and hope for the coming months.

Yours in Christ

Mr Cain McDonald
Principal

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DUX

97.1

ATAR score received by 2016
College Dux, Samuel Brown

A

18.9%

of students received ‘A’ grades

A+

4

Merit Awards received by
Madeleine Camm, Nabil Humphrey, Kelsey Spears and Tahlia Zadow

A+ results without Merit received

83%

of students were offered their first choice of university course

70%

of students applied to university
THE VALUES WE SHARE

The college mission statement, ‘Teaching the Love of Christ for a fulfilling life which values self-worth, pursues excellence and serves others’, sets the tone for the Junior School community. Everything we do in the Junior School needs to fit within the boundary this statement creates. Tatachilla also draws on values shared by Lutheran schools around Australia in seeking “to nurture individuals, while living in community and reflecting characteristics of God through core values, especially love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, service, humility, courage, hope, quality, and appreciation” (Lutheran Education Australia). Additionally, in the Health and PE curriculum, through the Bounce Back programme, we promote the core values of honesty, fairness, responsibility, support, cooperation, acceptance of difference, friendliness and inclusion and respect.

In the Junior School, we have taken these and developed a simple acronym that reminds us of who we are and the values we share: ‘TLC Cares: we value cooperation, achievement, respect, encouragement and safety.’

Making the qualities and behaviours we value explicit, allows students to understand and apply them in their learning communities and in the playground. They also guide the college in the development of policies and practices, and in our dealings with situations that arise. In these early weeks of the new school year, each class will be exploring the values and behaviours that they believe will help them to create a safe, cohesive and productive classroom, and build resilience, character and social skills in all students.

The students developing understanding of values that create a safe and caring community is supported by the teaching programme; the Restorative Justice approach to behaviour management; and the role modelling of adults in the community. As the year begins, let’s take a time to pause and think about the sort of community we want the Junior School to be.

Mr John Dow
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

COLLEGE THEME

Each year the college focuses on one of the 10 core values for Lutheran Schools in Australia. This year we are looking at the value ‘Love’. From this, we have developed our special theme: Live. Love. Learn. This ‘grows’ from the Bible text, “Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and all people”. Luke 2:52

This is one of the few references to Jesus’ life as a child and it is clear from this that he had a joy of learning and was a kind and loving child. It is important to develop these traits in our students.

The theme banner shows a vine and tendrils growing from a branch. The symbols of leaves, hearts and arrows are repeated throughout the design and there are many smaller pictures to be found to encourage the viewer to search deeper and discover new things.

As the year progresses we will continue to refer to our theme to remind the students of these values. It might be interesting to have a chat with your child about this, and find out what their ideas are on this theme.
“You learn from your mistakes.” You may have heard that statement, or versions of it, several times in your lifetime. When it comes to supporting students to make positive behaviour choices we hope that students learn from their mistakes, that they may not repeat poor behaviour choices and make positive changes. One beneficial strategy of helping students with their behaviour is to have constructive conversations with them, about their feelings, their actions, how their behaviour may have impacted others, and identifying ways to make things better. This restorative approach, when administered in an open and collaborative way, has been shown to be of benefit in allowing students to make positive behaviour change. The relationship between students and their teachers is important in this process. The Focus Room, which has existed for several years in the Junior School, will no longer operate in 2017. If students need a time to reflect on their behaviours then that can still take place, either in a no-go zone, sitting on a dot, a bench or walking around with the duty teacher. Additionally important restorative conversations facilitated by teachers will be able to occur, if the need arises. Extra wellbeing support will allow this to occur quicker and more effectively than having to wait for the Focus Room to be open. We feel this is a better model as students may solve problems directly and promptly with their teacher, who knows them well, rather than by a third party who may not have as close a relationship. We hope that our students will demonstrate positive behaviours that build “Tatachilla CARES” (Cooperation, Achievement, Respect, Encouragement, Safety).

Mr Damon Prenzler
ASSISTANT HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL - WELLBEING

YEAR 3-6 SWIMMING
Next week, 13-17 February all Year 3-6 students will be attending a Water Safety Education Program at Noarlunga Leisure Centre. Please ensure that all consent forms are returned to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible. NB If asthma is recorded on your child’s medical information, your child will not be able to swim if they do not have their puffer. Any medication kept at the JS SSO will be sent to the Noarlunga Leisure Centre with your child’s teacher.

YEAR 1-6 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
The Parent Information Night (PIN) schedule is as follows:

- 5.30pm: Sausage sizzle
- 6-6.30pm: Session 1 – all classrooms will be open
- 6.30-7.15pm: Joint session for parents led by Head of Junior School in the Activity Centre
- 7.15-7.45pm: Session 2 – All classrooms open

There will be a crèche in the library from 5:50pm. Please sign your children in when you drop off/pickup.

CHAPEL AND ASSEMBLY TIMES AND DAYS
Chapel and assembly have moved. Please note:

- Junior school chapel is on Friday mornings at 9am in the gym every week.
- Junior school assembly is on Tuesday mornings at 9am in the gym in odd weeks.

RECEPTION FAMILIES AFTERNOON TEA
Last Friday we had the joy of welcoming our Reception families to the College for a special afternoon tea to celebrate the beginning of their child’s Tatachilla journey. Thank you to all families who joined us for the occasion

RECEPTION BIBLE PRESENTATION
During Week 3 Chapel, our new Receptions students will receive a storybook Bible as a welcome gift. This Bible is a gift to take home and share with the family. The Jesus Storybook Bible presents familiar Bible narratives in an easy to read aloud format. Accompanying videos are also available. Morning tea will be provided for the Reception families and friends after chapel in the Gym foyer.

HATS
Please ensure your child has their school hat with them every day so that they can take full advantage of the opportunities the College grounds, playgrounds and oval provide for imaginative and structured play. Hats are compulsory in Term 1, 3 and 4.

STUDENT REPRESENTATION COUNCIL
Nomination forms for the Junior School SRC have been distributed. If your child would like to nominate for this role, they need to return the form to their class teacher this week.
FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Term 1 has begun with several key events for our Senior School students to assist them with transition into the new school year. Orientation Day and Information Evening provided excellent opportunities for relationship building and establishing expectations and routines for success. It was a pleasure to meet parents in a setting where they could not only speak with teachers, but could also interact with one another. Your year level information pack has been provided for your son or daughter and has been brought home or posted if you were unable to attend the Information Evening in person.

We are making a concerted effort to ensure student appearance and uniform guidelines are being upheld. These guidelines were included in the pack of information that was posted out at the beginning of the term. Please read these and support the College in our efforts to improve standards by assisting your son or daughter to follow the expectations. Your support in this matter is much appreciated.

After the flurry and excitement of the first few weeks, students can experience challenges as they immerse themselves in their senior studies. Please monitor your young person’s progress. We are keen to support students to overcome small hurdles, should they occur, so they do not become monumental mountains. We encourage you to contact the College if you require clarification or require support with academic endeavours or wellbeing matters.

I wish all the students in our care success in their senior journey. May they live, love and learn to the very best of their abilities in 2017.

Mrs Marylyn Marshall
HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

UNIFORM SHOP

UNIFORM SHOP RELOCATION

On Thursday 23 February the Uniform Shop will be closed due to being relocated.

The Uniform Shop will reopen on Monday 27 February in the new site, which is located in the College Gymnasium.

Normal trading hours will resume as follows:
Monday: 8.20am - 12noon
Tuesday: 8.20am - 12noon
Thursday: 8.20am - 4.00pm

MERIT AWARD CEREMONY

It is with great admiration that we congratulate our 2016 Merit Award recipients, Madeleine Camm, Nabil Humphrey, Kelsey Spears and Tahlia Zadow who today were formally acknowledged at Government House. Thank you for your service, leadership and gifts that enriched the lives of our community and we wish you every blessing for the future.

FROM the SENIOR SCHOOL
FROM THE HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Welcome back to a new year in the Middle School at Tatachilla. A special welcome is extended to new families of students in Year 7, 8 and 9. There certainly is buzz of excitement around the Middle School at the moment as students get to know one another and their teachers and settle into their environment. It is our prayer that this excitement continues throughout the year and motivates students in their learning journey.

This week we came together as a Middle School in our first assembly for the year and was able to celebrate the many ways that our young people can find purpose and meaning in their education at Tatachilla. We were delighted to be able to present Academic Excellence Awards to students in Year 7 and 8 from Semester 2 2016 and had many parents come to join in the celebrations. This award presentation reminds us all that as teachers we aim to encourage students in the Middle School to be;

- Motivated and active participants in their learning
- Empowered to make a difference
- Contributing members of the community
- Succeeding in their goals
- Enjoying adolescence
- Growing in the knowledge of their true self in Christ.

We believe that the relationship between teachers and parents is vital in enabling students to aspire to all of these things. This is why we had the Middle School Information Night on Thursday night in the first week of term where parents had the opportunity to meet their child’s Home Class Teacher and Year Level Coordinator.

If you were unable to make the evening we do encourage you to make contact with your child’s Home Class Teacher over the next week. Information from this night was sent home via your child if you were unable to make it.

Throughout this edition of the newsletter there is various information for parents to read in getting back into the routines and expectations of a new year and finding out more about how to become involved in events within our community.

As all of our young people settle into a new year and seek to find a place of belonging in the Middle School, may we be reminder that God is our counsellor in these times and can give us peace. These words from Psalm 55:22 remind us of this; Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let you fall.

Every blessing,

Mrs Sarah Hoff-Zweck
HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 7 AFTERNOON TEA – 17 FEBRUARY

Before the Year 7’s head off to Canberra there will be an afternoon tea for parents from 3:00-4:00pm in the peace garden at the front of the College. It is another opportunity for parents to get to know one another and make connections.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS RECIPIENTS FOR SEMESTER 2 2016

We congratulate the following students from 2016 on pursuing excellence in receiving an Academic Excellence Award where they received 5 A grades or more and B grades in the remaining subjects.

YEAR 7

Ella Christiansen, Lauren Clifton, Paige Cranage, Millie Cross, Emma Gregg, Emma Harding, Rachel Hewitt, Edward Hodge, Ella Holden, Joel Maung, Jordan McMillan, Lauren McMillan, Bailee Osborn, Ella Radbone, Aaron Rende, Emma Reynolds, Luella Schroder, Emily Smith, Grace Thyssen, Megan Tiller, Charlotte Turner, Billy Vile, Dusty Zimmer.

YEAR 8

Amber Bussenschutt, Skye Carter, Georgia Copeland, Eleanor Corner, Jessica Crabb, Alexandra Denton, Tyla Ebert, Lily Flude, Hana Freeman, Chelsea Govan, Bella Ivison, Felicity Kennedy, Nicola Liapis, Finn Mayne, Hannah Miller, Halle Njoroge, Amanda Pelham, Hannah Rowan, Abigail Skeffington, Billy Smith, Lily Stephens, Jessica Swayn, Ruby Thomas, Shannon Thomas, Leesa Trembath, Jay Van Dam, Ava Willington, Grace Wormald, Hansaja Yapa.

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

Thank you to all parents and students who joined our community tonight for the Years 7-10 BBQ and Information Night. What a joy to collaborate and grow together.
**BUSES**

The College bus service is reserved for full-time/one-way travel users only. All bus use/alterations must be booked via the College and not the bus company. Contact Kay Digby by phoning 8323 9588 or email kdigby@tatachilla.sa.edu.au.

After the initial start to the school year slight alterations have now been made to bus routes. New bus timetables/maps can now be downloaded from the College website. [www.tatachilla.sa.edu.au/enrolments/buses](http://www.tatachilla.sa.edu.au/enrolments/buses)

Students are reminded that they are responsible for any personal belongings taken on the buses. Items left on buses, if found by the driver, will be returned to the students on the following trip or handed into the College Office.

Due to some buses being at near or full capacity it may not be possible for students to change to alternative buses or to have a guest travel with them.

All alternative arrangements must be made prior to travelling and an approved bus pass obtained from the Bus Coordinator at the College.

Drivers are reminded that due to safety and ease of traffic flow.

Drivers are reminded that due to safety reasons use of the bus carpark area/bays for student drop-off/pick-up is also strictly forbidden.

**VOLUNTEERING AT TLC**

If you are interested in becoming a registered TLC Volunteer please visit our College website at [http://www.tatachilla.sa.edu.au/community/friends-of-tatachilla/volunteers-training-program](http://www.tatachilla.sa.edu.au/community/friends-of-tatachilla/volunteers-training-program) or contact Mrs Kay Digby, Community Relations & Fundraising Officer at the College to find out more.

**TWILIGHT FOOD AFFAIR**

**FRIDAY, 24 MARCH 2017  4-9PM**

The Twilight Food Affair is one of the College’s major events enjoyed by the College Community.

Held on the Junior School Oval the event has an array of food and refreshment stalls and a variety of fun activities for the kids. There is also loads of entertainment to enjoy. And to top it off this year’s event will conclude with a fireworks display!

**STALL HOLDERS/CONVENERS**

Showcasing the wonderful array of foods available we would like to offer a variety of food and refreshment stalls and are calling for parent volunteers interested in convening a stall.

**STALL ASSISTANTS**

Many hands make light work! If you are able to spare some time serving on a stall it would be appreciated. Rosters will be drawn up allowing helpers to also enjoy time on the evening with their family and friends.

**WINE / BEER STALL SPONSORSHIP**

We invite families associated with local wineries who would be interested in being a sponsor (by way of donation) to this year’s Wine & Beer Stall.

**ROAMING PERFORMERS**

Calling for entertainers (jugglers, magicians, and acrobats) interested in being part of a group of roaming performers to entertain the crowd. Equipment supplied.

**SETUP & BREAKDOWN**

Calling all the strong fit people out there! If this description sounds like you and you are willing and able to spare a couple of hours during the afternoon or at the end of the night we would love to hear from you.

**CONTACT**

If you are interested in being involved (in anyway) contact Mrs Kay Digby at the College by phoning 8329 4411 or email kdigby@tatachilla.sa.edu.au

**SPORTS DAY CARNIVALS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**TLC R-12 Sports Day, Fri 17 March**

**SAPSASA District Athletics Carnival, Tues 21 March**

Tatachilla will be hosting both the R-12 Sports Day Carnival and the SAPSASA Districts Athletics Carnival on the grounds this year.

At both events we would like to offer an array of food and refreshments to those in attendance and are now calling for parent volunteers who would be able to help with preparation, serving, cooking or baking at these events.

If you are able to help please contact Kay Digby on 8329 4411 or send an email to kdigby@tatachilla.sa.edu.au

Mrs Kay Digby
COMMUNITY RELATIONS & FUNDRAISING OFFICER

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**MENU**

The 2017 Canteen Menu is now on the [Web site](http://www.tatachilla.sa.edu.au/community) under Community. Please check the changes. If you would like a hard copy of the menu, the Canteen has them available.

The supply of specific food by you for your child due to allergies is welcome but needs to be discussed with the Manager prior to its supply.

**CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS**

If you would like to go on our Canteen roster we would love to have some new faces.

Volunteer help is needed on Mondays from student drop off to about 9.30am for food preparation. On Fridays help is needed from 11am - 1.30pm. This includes Counter service and making lunch orders. Please note that pre-schoolers are not allowed to accompany workers in the workplace.

Any enquiries regarding the Canteen are welcomed, we are opened from 8am daily.

Mrs Therese McCrackan
CANTEEN MANAGER
NEW WEBSITE

Tatachilla Lutheran College is very excited to launch a brand new website!

The new fully responsive site is easy to view on any device and contains added functionality and content.

Some important changes to keep in mind with the new site:

- The Parent Portal on the old site is no longer active to reduce the number of login details for parents. Parent resources can now be found on SEQTA Engage.
- The Intranet contains useful links to sites such as SEQTA Engage, SEQTA Learn, SOBS Online Bookings, Office 365, Click View and Web Email. You can locate the Intranet link in the footer section at the bottom of the screen.
- The Online Uniform Shop is now located under the Enrolments tab.

We hope you enjoy exploring the new site as we continue to showcase the special place that is Tatachilla Lutheran College.

www.tatachilla.sa.edu.au

Mrs Melanie Hall
MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER

TATACHILLA SKOOLBAG APP

Have you downloaded the Tatachilla Skoolbag App yet?

The aim of this communication tool is to be able to send quick and succinct reminder messages to our families relevant to your child’s year level including the sending out of emergency information. This app also allows parents to send a quick message to the College regarding absentees and also to receive our fortnightly newsletter. Once you have downloaded the app you can “turn on” notifications relevant to your child’s year level and sub-school. This will ensure that you will receive these important reminders.

MATHS TUTORING

Maths Tutoring is held on Monday and Thursday, 3:30-4:30 in the library. Support is available from teachers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Sports Department at Tatachilla needs YOU!

The Sports Department are currently searching for qualified umpires and/or coaches for the range of Knockout Sports that we run throughout the year. We are quite flexible with days that we hold the knockout events and are also willing to pay qualified referees for their time on the day. If this sounds like something that you are able to help us out with, please contact Tonia Fielke tfielke@tatachilla.sa.edu.au or Jenni Edwards jecedwards@tatachilla.sa.edu

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

KANGARILLA PONY CLUB:
Welcomes New Members. Come and try visitors membership costs $30.00 and covers 3 consecutive rallies. We generally meet on the first Sunday of the month at the Kangarilla Pony Club grounds, Kangarilla Road. Contact Emma Schoell on 0404 672 087 or visit website www.kangarillaponyclub.org

NOARLUNGA NETBALL CLUB:
Junior selections will be held on this Sunday 12 February at the Noarlunga Leisure Centre 10:30am-2.30pm. Check out our Facebook Page for more details www.facebook.com/noarlunganetball

MCLAREN FLAT NETBALL CLUB:
all existing and new players are invited to come to the forthcoming 2017 winter registration and trials to be held at the McLaren Flat netball courts. Trials Sunday 24th Feb, 1, 2nd & 8th March 7-9pm. Phone Jo Holmes 0400159377 (juniors), Carla Payton 0402069029 (seniors).

TLC SPORTS DAY CARNIVAL
Friday 17 March 2017 9am-3pm
Food & Drink Stalls available. Come and support your House!
All Welcome
The licensed meningococcal B vaccine (Bexsero®) is being offered to all Year 10, 11 and 12 students in 2017 at our school by City of Onkaparinga Immunisation Service, as part of The South Australian B Part of it Meningococcal B Vaccine Herd Immunity Study.

During 2017 - 2018 each participant will:

• Receive 2 doses of Meningococcal B (Bexsero®) vaccine
• Complete 2 single page questionnaires (1 if student is in Year 12)
• Have 2 throat swabs taken (1 if student is in year 12)
• Receive a $20 iTunes card after having each throat swab
• Immunisation consent packs have been sent home to all eligible students. It is important that you read the information contained in the pack before you provide consent for your child to take part in the study.
• The student is also required to provide their consent to participate in the study by signing and dating the consent form.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact City of Onkaparinga Immunisation Service or the Immunisation Section, SA Health, Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 5pm on 1300 232 272.

All parents / legal guardians are requested to complete, sign, date and return the Consent Form, even if you do not consent for the student to be part of the study. If you did not receive a Meningococcal B vaccine Herd immunity study pack from your child, and you think your child may be eligible, please ask at the Senior School SSO.

The study consent forms are due back by Friday 17 February.
Twilight Food Affair
24 March 2017
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4pm to 9pm
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### Term 1 Week 3
- **13-17 February**
  - Year 3-6 Swimming
- **Tuesday 14 February**
  - Yr 7-12 Swimming Carnival
  - JS Assembly
  - JS Information Night
- **Wednesday 15 February**
  - MS/SS Chapel
- **Friday 17 February**
  - Student ID Photo’s Catch-up Day
  - JS Chapel
  - (Receptions Bible Presentation)

### Term 1 Week 4
- **20-24 February**
  - Year 7 Canberra Camp
- **Tuesday 21 February**
  - MS Year Level Meeting
  - SS Assembly
- **Wednesday 22 February**
  - 8-12 Chapel
  - SSSSA Triathlon
  - Yr 8 Arvo Out
  - 22-23 February
  - JS Life Van
- **Friday 24 February**
  - Yr 7/8 Standards Day
  - JS Chapel

### Term 1 Week 5
- **27-28 February**
  - JS Life Van
- **Tuesday 28 February**
  - SAPSASA Swimming Carnival
  - MS/SS House Meeting
- **Wednesday 1 March**
  - JS Peer Mediation Day
  - Yr 12 Crave Day
  - MS/SS Chapel
- **Thursday 2 March**
  - College Tour
- **Thursday 3 March**
  - Yr 7/8 Standards Day
  - JS Chapel