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Term 3 | Week 6 | Friday 1 September 2017

from the **COLLEGE PASTOR**



FATHER'S DAY: ALTER THE STEREOTYPE

I really liked Tom Hafey. He was a famous TV footy personality and former VFL/AFL coach and player who died in 2014. However, I did not really know much about him. For example, I did not know that he grew up in the Richmond area of Melbourne, was a father of three girls, was a loving husband to his wife Maurine, or that he died from skin melanoma.

But what I did know about Tom Hafey was that he did not drink alcohol. Instead, and oddly, when feeling thirsty he always sought out and celebrated a good 'cup a tea'. I am sure many AFL fans would know this fact.

The reason Tom Hafey was famous for drinking tea is not because drinking tea is unusual. But it was unusual for him because footballers are not usually known for teetotalling. In fact, one

could say that the cultural norm over the years has been for footballers and football personalities to be significant consumers of alcohol. Yet Hafey continued his tradition of teetotalling right until his death and in doing so, positively influenced countless people to reconsider stereotypes of footballers, men... and fathers. It was simple, yet powerful, to witness someone who didn't just follow the sheep, on what it meant to be a man. Men can be different in positive ways, but we must be prepared to stand against the crowd.

Many men I have met over the years do not feel good about themselves as fathers. They often feel inadequate, compromised, or stupid. Yet fatherhood is not about getting it all right (as if any parent can!). Fatherhood is about working out what is positive and important within us, and then transforming that into what we do within our families. If failure comes, we start again. And again. Failure is not the issue. Rather, getting back up and keeping on with what is positive and important is what makes and develops the father.

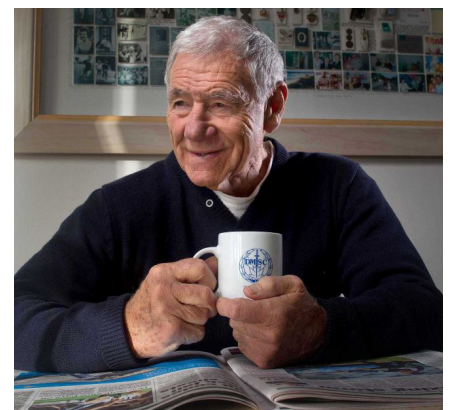
Historically some people have had mixed feelings about Father's Day. Some think of negative aspects about their own father. Some feel confused by negative male role models such as Donald Trump and countless other shallow male celebrities. While there might be reasons to be cynical about Father's Day, I encourage you to think differently. In fact, our whole community needs to demonstrate it can think differently about men and fatherhood.

Men need encouragement from children, women, and other men, to find and demonstrate non-stereotypical ways of being fathers. When fathers spend time with their children, let's celebrate and encourage that. When fathers demonstrate love for and understanding of their wives or partners, let's celebrate and encourage that. When fathers show integrity in how they speak and in what they do, let's celebrate and encourage that.

Being a parent (be it father or mother) can be a bewildering and confronting experience. A parent often can feel hypocritical or foolish in the light of the challenges of post-modern parenting. Isolated, it is easy to fall into despair and negative behaviours. But together, as a community that encourages each other and speaks honestly about important issues, we can gain a common wisdom that empowers.

God bless you.

Jon Goessling
COLLEGE PASTOR



from the head of **JUNIOR SCHOOL**

IT'S CAMP TIME AGAIN!

This week the Year 4s set off for their annual camp. They spend two nights at Mylor Adventure Camp where activities include problem solving with planks and milk crates, and some risk-taking on the flying fox and high swing. Camps are different at each year level, and reflect what is developmentally appropriate for the age of the students.

Reception students have an afternoon and early evening 'camp' at school with their parents towards the end of the year, and is a time for the Reception community to come together and reflect on, and celebrate, their big first year at school.

Year 1s have a special day excursion, this year to Cleland Wildlife Park, and then a sleep over in the Activity Centre. For some students, this is their first night sleeping away from mum and dad, which they do in the familiar surroundings of the school and with their peers.

Year 2s have the first off-site camp. Last year they went to the Shiloh Hills campsite at Ironbank, where they participated in outdoor games and walks and challenge activities. They will return there in Week 8.

The focus for our Year 3s is on the environment and building personal resilience when they overnight at Aldinga. There is also a jumping pillow at the campsite for letting off some energy.

The Year 5s go to Camp Illawonga on the River Murray, near Swan Reach for two nights. Here they learn about the history and geography of the river and fish for yabbies. In Year 6, the camp is at El Shaddai, Wellington, and the students participate in raft-making, canoeing and rock climbing.

The camps program at the College seeks to aid the development of the whole child, being shaped by the Christian beliefs and ethos of the College. To this end it is a program which challenges students to be:

- environmentally aware and responsible;
- socially aware, supportive of the needs of others especially their peers; and
- involved in a broad range of physical and educational activities for the benefit of the individual and group.

We wish them all a very happy camping experience in the coming weeks.

Mr John Dow
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

BOOK WEEK 2017 - 'ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE'

Students across both the Junior and Middle Schools have been engaged in various activities exploring the theme; 'Escape to Everywhere', to acknowledge Book Week this year.

Over the past weeks, Mrs Turner, Mrs Grice and Mrs Sautner have collaborated with classroom teachers and specialist staff to actively promote and share aspects of the nominated books in each category. Winners were announced by the Children's Book Council of Australia and on Tuesday 22 August, students and staff celebrated their reading by arriving at school dressed in costume. It was fantastic to see such an array of unique and colourful characters on display. Thank you to everyone for embracing this year's theme and sharing their love of literature!

Ms Louise Catt
R-12 LIBRARY COORDINATOR



from the JUNIOR SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Last Friday 25 August, Excellence Awards were awarded to **Sophie Lamb** (3a) **Seth Pocock** (4a) and **William Thomas** (6b). We celebrate with these students and their families the thinking, learning and growth mind-set that they have shown over time to be nominated for their awards.

Many students also received Merit Awards for their participation as learners and we value the way they contribute to their learning communities.

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Bookings for student-led conferences (SLCs) for all classes have opened. Although the SOBS booking site uses the term 'parent-teacher interview', the booking you will make is for a student-led conference.

SLCs are another way of reporting how your child is progressing with their learning. It gives parents/carers an opportunity to come into the classroom and see your child's work and progress that has been made.

Your child will be responsible for leading the conference, and will also take responsibility for their learning by sharing the learning process with you. They will demonstrate their understanding through a variety of different learning situations and reflect upon samples of work they have previously chosen to share with you.

Specialist classrooms will also be open. Performing Arts will be in the Activity Centre. Visual Arts and Japanese in their

shared classroom. PE will be in the shed. These areas will close at 7pm. If you have a 6pm booking for the classroom session, we advise you to make time to visit them before your session in the classroom.

If you wish to make a time to speak to your child's class teacher about a specific issue, please contact them to make a time for another meeting.

Mr John Dow
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



Award winners William Thomas, Sophie Lamb and Seth Pocock

AUTHOR IN RESIDENCE 2017 - MICHAEL GERARD BAUER

Our biennial 'Author in Residence' event took place this week and we welcomed Michael Gerard Bauer into our College community. Michael has written a number of novels including the 'Eric Vale' and 'Derek Danger' series, as well as 'Don't Call Me, Ishmael!' and 'Just a Dog'.

Students across Years 3 to 9 took part as Michael presented stories and ideas from his novels and picture books. We were able to hear first-hand about the experience of writing and story development, with a great deal of audience participation, fun and laughter. It was another great opportunity for students to share in the love of literature.

Ms Louise Catt
R-12 LIBRARY COORDINATOR



NOT RETURNING IN 2018?

A reminder to families who intend to leave the College at the end of 2017 (excluding current Year 12 students), it is a requirement of the College that written notification of students leaving, **must be given one term in advance**.

This notification allows the College to fill any vacancies for next year and also fulfils your financial obligations. Failure to notify in the stated time-frame results in loss of fees.

For further enquiries phone Mrs Christine Martin, Enrolment Officer on 8323 9588.

from the **SENIOR SCHOOL**

YEAR 12 SAILING CAMP

From Wednesday 16 to Friday 18 August, the two Year 12 PE classes embarked on their sailing camp at Murraylands Aquatics Centre, Murray Bridge, to complete the third practical for their assessment. With an interesting forecast for the three days, some of the students had some understandable anxiety about learning and performing a relatively new sport.

The sun greeted us on arrival and it was evident there would not be a shortage of breeze to propel the boats. We sorted out sleeping arrangements and began our initial briefings with the instructors. Groups were organised and students paired up to share the skippering and crewing positions of each boat. The odd number allowed for the eager and novice sailor, Mr Chris McElligott, to participate throughout.

After the initial session on the water, students were given an option to do kayaking if they were not confident in the boats, however, to their credit they all stuck to plan A. Quite a few had some extra capsizing drill practice which would come in handy for the assessment and the next couple of days. It wasn't long before they were getting their sea legs and had the boats going through their paces.

Staying onsite using the camp kitchen and sleeping in the cabins allowed for the group to strengthen group bonds and for us to go through some essential theory concepts (skill acquisition and biomechanical concepts that relate to sailing).

On the first night we enjoyed a shared BBQ dinner, and on the second night it was takeaway pizza night. The rest of the camp was self-catered by students, putting into practice the pre, during and post event nutrition strategies that had been covered in class.

Overall, the behaviour and enthusiasm of the students was excellent and the confidence and ability to handle the 420's and catamarans grew over the three days.

Whilst the cold and breezy conditions proved challenging, the students demonstrated great perseverance to complete all the required assessment and skills.

A huge thank you to the other staff Mrs Tonia Fielke and Mr Chris McElligott for their professional support and assistance.

Mr Tyson Leech
PE COORDINATOR



YEARS 7-11 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Years 7-11 Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Thursday 7 September (Week 7) with your child's teacher to discuss their academic progress at the midway point of Semester 2. These interviews will commence at 3.45pm and finish at 8pm and will be in the College Gymnasium.

To make your parent teacher interview booking, please visit <https://sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php?schoolid=217>

from the **SCIENCE TEAM**

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

Earlier this month, the Year 10 students explored replica skulls of past and present marsupials as part of their studies in Science. Paleontologist, Kailah Thorn, led the sessions, where students were able to handle and hypothesise about the skulls by examining their features.

More recently, we celebrated National Science Week by having a range of activities for students to participate in during their lunchtime. Students had fun making hovercrafts, testing electrostatics, exploring chemical reactions and building gears.

A number of students from Years 7 to 10 completed the Big Science Competition held earlier this year.

Congratulations to **Cameron Bickley, Brianna McIver, Jake Thyssen, Alexander Scarlett, Finn Mayne, Ella Christiansen** and **Caitlin Wright** who all achieved a credit in the competition and to **Emma Gregg** who received a high distinction.

Well done to all students who participated.

Mrs Kristy Simpson
7-12 SCIENCE KLA COORDINATOR



around the **CAMPUS**

SOUTHERN VALES SCHOOLS' NRM FORUM

The Southern Vales Schools' NRM Forum involves Years 6 and 7 students from schools located within the Southern Vales area getting together three times a year to participate in fun and educational environmental activities. The forums are facilitated by the AMLR Natural Resources Management Board and have been running for over seven years. Schools involved in 2017 are Galilee Primary School, Willunga Primary School, McLaren Vale Primary School, Southern Vales Christian College Aldinga Campus, Southern Vales Christian College Morphett Vale Campus and Tatachilla Lutheran College.

Eight Year 6 students from Tatachilla have volunteered to be involved in these forums. In Term 2 the first forum was held in the EcoClassroom and in Week 5 of this term the second forum was hosted at Willunga Primary School.

Activities on the day included using fyke nets set up in the Wirra Creek to catch, monitor and record native fish and invertebrate species, participating in macroinvertebrate investigations in the creek and beginning a herbarium of native and non-native plant species. A great day was had by all.

The students will meet again in mid Term 4 for a third forum. These events are a great opportunity for students to meet and make new friends from other schools while they learn more about caring for the earth and the natural environment.

Mrs Kristy Burns and Mrs Karen Lawrence
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OFFICERS



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AND STALL

Our Father's Day preparations began last week with our Father's Day Gift Stall. Junior School students were invited to come along to purchase a gift for their dad for Father's Day. There was much excitement in making their choices and everyone went home with something special to give.

On Wednesday 30 August, our Gymnasium Foyer filled with hungry fathers and their children, all keen to enjoy the Father's Day Breakfast. The room was buzzing with happy diners and saw many dads coming together with their children and other families to celebrate the occasion.

Our thanks goes out to all the volunteers who made each event possible. **Jayne Ingamells** and **Margo Strauss** ran the Father's Day Stall last Thursday, stepping away from their own commitments to serve our Junior School students throughout the morning.

Thanks also to our staff and student leadership who made the task of feeding lots of hungry dads and their children possible. The students worked hard in the kitchen, taking photos and re-filling platters. We thoroughly appreciate their efforts. Thank you **Jessica Elton**, **Georgia Copeland**, **Henna Ahmedi** and **Charlie Smith** for all your wonderful help.

Mrs Sally Moran
COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND FUNDRAISING OFFICER



from the **HUMANITIES TEAM**

YEAR 7 HUMANITIES EXCURSION

On Wednesday 23 August our Year 7 Humanities students visited Clarendon, Port Noarlunga, Old Noarlunga and South Port to look at human impacts on our water ways. Although it was wet in the morning, the day turned into a wonderful time for all and finished with sand castle building on the beach near the Storm Boy movie set.

Mr Michael Ebert

MIDDLE AND SENIOR HUMANITIES TEACHER
YEAR 7 COORDINATOR



OLD SCHOLAR NEWS

2007 OLD SCHOLARS REUNION

On Sunday 20 August it was a time of celebration and re-connection for our Class of 2007 Old Scholars who celebrated their 10 Year Reunion. The Old Scholars came together at Beach Road Wines for pizza and wine. A wonderful time was had by all.

Ms Sally Moran
COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND FUNDRAISING OFFICER



eLEARNING

1:1 LEARNING AT TATACHILLA

As part of our annual review of the College 1:1 Device Program, the decision to change from the current program to a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) environment has been made and will take effect from the start of 2018.

BYOD programs are common practice in schools and allow for individual families to better manage the financial outlay for devices designed for learning. In addition, it is considered that students place a higher level of respect upon a family owned device used for a BYOD program in a school environment. Our ICT Services Team has extensive experience with BYOD programs at a variety of schools in SA and across Australia.

The College has also changed the technology platform for students entering the program in Year 7 from an iPad to a laptop. This decision was made to address the needs of the curriculum and better familiarise students with the use of a keyboard as they will be expected to complete exams online when students participate in the SACE curriculum.

We have also investigated a range of options for 1:1 technology in the Junior School. However, are confident that the iPad continues to be the best tool for student learning in this context. However, the laptop BYOD provides for several options, formats and prices to better cater for the diversity of student needs and educational purposes in other year levels by catering for:

- different student learning styles and preferences; and
- equity of access as families may choose to purchase devices from a wide range of specifications and prices, including either a Mac or Windows platform.

GOOGLE DRIVE AND THE G SUITE

The College has moved its files storage from an onsite server to Google Drive which is part of the G Suite. This is a package of cloud-based services that the College has adopted to support student learning, and in-particular store their school work. It is compatible with an iPad and a laptop.

Access to the G Suite provides staff and students with a whole new way to work together online, including real-time document collaborations and more. Students have Google Drive installed on their iPads and laptops.

Students are asked to ensure that they save all their evidence of learning to this space to ensure that it is backed up. This enables them to access files from any internet-connected device.

All students on the campus now have a Gmail account. Gmail is a web-based mail application. All of the familiar functions are there (composing an email, forwarding, carbon copying, etc). To attach files students can simply drag the document from their desktop into the message. Students can sort messages with labels and filters, prioritise which kinds of emails they see when they open Gmail, and easily search for any term/person/subject in their entire history.

Google Documents, known as "Google Docs" is a suite of web-based office applications that automatically saves work, helps with collaboration and enables quick and easy sharing with others. It provides access to documents from anywhere at anytime as long as there is an internet connection.

Families of students who will be in Year 1, 4, 5, 7, and 9 have received an email with detailed information on specifications, options for purchasing as well as a BYOD Handbook and Frequently Asked Questions.

The move to BYOD will not impact the quality of student teaching and learning. Over the coming months, staff will be supported in transitioning teaching and learning programs, and assessment tasks to ensure that students can continue to demonstrate their attainment at the highest possible level.

Students who are continuing on the current 1:1 program in 2018 will continue to be supported by our ICT Services Team.

This includes the installation of appropriate software or applications as well as the management of repairs, warranty and insurance claims. Our BYOD device grid provides clarity of when your child will be expected to change to BYOD.

This is located on the College's web page:

<https://www.tatachilla.sa.edu.au/learning/bring-your-own-device-program>



The applications are familiar and easy to use, including Word documents, spreadsheets, presentations, forms, and even a drawing space. All content produced in these applications can be shared with other users, who can view and edit them in real time. Google Docs also gives you storage room for images, videos, and pdfs.

Further support and information can be found at:

<https://support.google.com/drive/?hl=en#topic=>



from the SPORTS FIELDS

YEAR 8/9 NETBALL

On Tuesday 29 August the Year 8/9 Netball Team travelled to Priceline Stadium to compete in the Pool A State Finals. Unfortunately, they were unable to win a game against some high quality netball teams from Tenison Woods College, Gleeson College and Brighton High School. The girls best game was against Gleeson where they only lost by 4 goals.

Despite not winning today, it was a huge effort from the girls to make it this far and be the 6th best 8/9 Netball Team in the state. Well done girls!

Miss Tonia Fielke
TEAM COACH



SAPSASA YEAR 4/5 BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

On Monday 7 August a very excited bunch of students headed off in the Tatchilla mini bus to compete as a school for the first time at the Year 4/5 SAPSASA Basketball Carnival held at the Morphett Vale Stadium.

With back to back matches played all day and only one minute half time breaks, it was certainly a very intense day. The boys coached by myself, went through the minor round undefeated, although were greatly challenged by Investigator College. At the conclusion of this game the scores were all tied away but we were in a position to throw two foul shots. This heavy task was on **Karlu Roscrow-Kries'** shoulders. The first shot, aimed at the ring, hit but fell short. Then Karlu with his wisdom remembered Mrs Gore's little voice telling him "aim for the little square on the backboard..." and the shot hit, rebounded and fell in!

We won this game by one point in high screams of elation. The boys then progressed easily through their quarter final only to face off again against Investigator in the semi. Once again we were in a position to draw or win the match with foul shots after the siren. Sadly, this time the fairy tale ending didn't go to plan and Investigator defeated us by one point to progress to the Grand Final. What an exciting day and one the boys will no doubt remember for a while of the "one that got away!"

The girls team were coached by the talented duo of **Halle Njoroge** (Year 10) and **Taylah Levy** (Year 11) who are both incredibly talented basketballers, both having represented at national level.

The first game was a hard reality for the beginning team with only one girl having had any previous experience playing at club level. The first half we were a bit shell shocked and being up against a team of experienced club players, went down 0-10. With great coaching and super listening the girls came back to defend hard and only conceded one more goal in the second half. They then went on to win all their next few games and finished 2nd in their pool at the conclusion of the minor round. The finals proved a shooting challenge and despite dominating with possession, the team struggled to get the ball to drop.

After an extremely exciting and successful day both teams came away with 4th place victories. Thanks to **Mr Graeme Fielke** for all his assistance on the day, and for **Mrs Cath Norman** providing transport.

Mrs Fiona Gore
JUNIOR SCHOOL PE SPECIALIST



calendar
DATES

Term 3 Week 7

Tuesday 5 September

JS Assembly
Sporting Schools: Gymnastic Clinic

Wednesday 6 September

R-3 Student-led Conferences
MS/SS Chapel

Thursday 7 September

Yr 12 English Excursion
MS/SS Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 8 September

Dance Showcase: Hopgood Theatre
JS Chapel

Term 3 Week 8

Tuesday 12 September

SS Assembly

Wednesday 13 September

MS/SS Chapel
R-3 Music Performance
Yr 4-6 Student-led conferences

Thursday 14 September

Voice Performance Evening

Friday 15 September

JS Chapel
Yr 12 Photography Exhibition

Term 3 Week 9

Monday 18 - Friday 22 September

Yr 10 Camp/Work Experience
Yr 12 Production Week

Tuesday 19 September

JS Assembly

Wednesday 20 September

MS/SS Chapel

Thursday 21 September

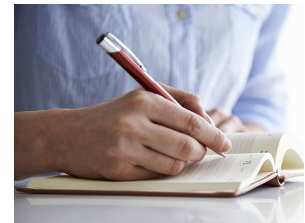
JS iPad Information Evening

Friday 22 September

JS Chapel
College Tour
Year 1 Sleepover

2018 COLLEGE TERM DATES

Our 2018 College term dates are now online at our website
please visit: <https://www.tatachilla.sa.edu.au/news/term-dates>



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CRESCENDO | AN EVENING OF DANCE

PRESENTED BY

TATACHILLA LUTHERAN COLLEGE DANCE STUDENTS

FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2017 | 7PM

HOPGOOD THEATRE, NOARLUNGA CENTRE

\$15 ADULTS | \$12 CONCESSION

COUNTRYARTS.ORG.AU | 7009 4400

TRANSACTION FEES APPLY

Voice Night

TATACHILLA CHOIRS:
ATONE & ACCORD

JS CHOIR

SOLOISTS



Thursday

14th Sept, 2017

COMMUNITY CHOIR:
ATTUNE (including
many old scholars)

7 pm

in the

JS Activity Centre

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kangarilla Tennis Club

Kangarilla Recreation Ground, Kangarilla
Come and try free tennis/Open Day

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2017
11am – 1pm

Hotshots for 4 years & over (racquets available)
Social and Competition Tennis all ages and abilities

Great giveaways, speed radar device available on the day to
test the speed of your serve.

Beginners welcome.

McLaren Flat Tennis Club

McLaren Flat Tennis Club would like to invite all junior players
to a junior registration night on Thursday 7 September at the
McLaren Flat Tennis Clubrooms 5pm - 6pm.

McLaren Flat play on Saturdays in the Onkaparinga Tennis
Association and have coaching on a Thursday night with our
club coach.


Social Tennis at McLaren Flat begins on the 31 October.
Matches are played on a Tuesday night at McLaren Vale and
McLaren Flat. Men, women and teams welcome.

For more information call Sonia on 0407 323 934

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Adam Fonfe Tennis


Contact Adam asap if you want to fine tune your game in any of the following:


- Individual coaching sessions
- Hot Shots tennis
- Squad training
- Adult group coaching
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