

# tatachilla NEWS

**TATACHILLA**  
lutheran college



Term 4 | Week 2 | Friday 27 October 2017

## from the **PRINCIPAL**



**'THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE IS TO CREATE IT'. Abraham Lincoln.**

Year 12 students conclude their formal schooling this week after 13 years of education - what a significant achievement to be recognised and celebrated. Our students have dedicated and committed themselves to their education and they have much to be proud of in their achievements.

The celebrations this week for Year 12 students, and then at the end of November with the Valedictory Service, is but a milestone and a step into a future with infinite possibilities. Possibilities to be created, shaped, imagined and realised in the future.

It is as Abraham Lincoln noted, a future yet to be created. Our students have been taught and have learnt a toolbox of skills, values, knowledge and information that have equipped them for life. Drawing on their experiences and their shaping as a young person will enable success in their individual pathways in the future.

Our congratulations and our blessings are extended to our Year 12 students and their families at this important time. Thank you for the contributions, service and friendship that you have given to our community, where you have contributed, built and enriched our lives. May our students go forward with confidence in their skills and abilities, finding a balanced and joyful pathway that serves and enriches others.

Term 4 also allows us to reflect on the many achievements of the year, including our House Competition. Since the start of the term we have recognised our 2017 student leaders for their services and commissioned our 2018 leaders including College Captains and House Captains. Our blessings and prayers are with the incoming leaders as they take up the opportunity to serve in our community.

During our House Chapel last week, the results were tallied for the announcement of the winning House for the R.E.Bruss House Shield. This year, Emerald were the victors with a narrow win over second placed, Topaz. Well done to all the members of Emerald, including their enthusiastic and diligent House Captains.

Blessings and peace as we celebrate this coming week, the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, marking the formation of the global Lutheran Church.

**Mr Cain McDonald**  
PRINCIPAL



# from the head of JUNIOR SCHOOL

At the beginning of each term, we post messages around the Junior School to welcome and encourage students as they return to school. Term 4 is the shortest term in the school year - just eight weeks to wrap up the learning and celebrate the year that has been, so we selected the following messages about finishing well:

- You have nothing to lose by giving your best.
- Get ready to say, "I did it!"
- At the end of the race, nobody really cares how you started, but how you finished, so finish strong.
- Starting strong is good. Finishing strong is epic.

In order to finish well, we need to keep striving to improve - right up to the finish line. A little bit of practice each day adds another layer of polish to our skills and understanding and eventually leads to mastery. We need to cheer each other on, especially if we start to feel tired or discouraged. A few kind, well chosen words are a simple way to bless and lift the spirits of another. Despite all there is to do between now and Christmas, we need to decide to enjoy the journey. An attitude of gratitude has been shown to contribute to individual wellbeing. I hope all students and their families enjoy the next six weeks, and I hope to see you at our final Assembly and Chapel in Week 7.

## UNIFORM REMINDERS

Summer uniform should now be worn by all students. The uniform guidelines are as follows;

### Summer Uniform (Terms 1 and 4)

#### Girls R-6

- Summer dress - dress length at the knee
- White socks (which must be worn above the ankle)
- Jumper (cardinal) or Bomber Jacket with logo
- Black leather lace-up school shoes with black shoe laces (the heel may not be more than 2.5cm high)

#### Optional shoes for Receptions only

- Black school shoes with velcro or buckles (the heel may not be more than 2.5cm high) Replacement shoes purchased in Year 1 must be black lace-up school shoes
- Grey bucket hat with toggle and College logo

#### Boys R-6

- Short sleeved grey shirt with logo
- Grey trousers – double knee/elastic back or grey shorts – elastic back
- Jumper (cardinal) or Bomber Jacket with logo
- Grey socks
- Black leather lace-up school shoes with black shoelaces (the heel may not be more than 2.5cm high)

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More information about the College uniform can be found at <https://www.tatachilla.sa.edu.au/enrolments/uniform/online-uniform-shop>

Thanks to all families for supporting the College in ensuring their children are in correct uniform and well presented.

## CHAPEL AND ASSEMBLY IN TERM 4

Junior School Chapel will be held on Friday of Week 3 (3 November), Week 5 (17 November), Week 6 (24 November), with the final Junior School Chapel in Week 7 (Friday 1 December).

Junior School Assemblies are on Tuesday mornings in Week 3 (31 October), Week 6 (21 November), with the final Junior School Assembly in Week 7 (28 November). Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend these events.

#### Mr John Dow

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

## WALK MY WAY

Last week the Junior School participated in our annual ALWS Day, R-3s on Thursday and 4-6s on Friday. Julie Krause from Australian Lutheran World Service led our time, with Tatachilla and ALWS having developed a close relationship over a number of years. The ALWS theme for 2017 has been 'Walk my Way', and during our day students heard many situations where people have to walk, sometimes in dangerous or perilous circumstances:

- Walking hundreds of metres, sometimes more, just to fetch water.
- Walking hours to go to school and back again.
- Walking long distances to flee civil war, famine, or to reach safety in a refugee camp.

During the day, students were invited to participate in a food challenge to add an element of authenticity to the day. Many people who ALWS help do not have a lot, including food. R-3 students were challenged to have only dry biscuits for recess, with 4-6 students challenged to have dry biscuits for recess and flat bread with creamed corn for lunch. It was great to see so many students willingly participate in this challenge.

Each year Tatachilla supports the ALWS Gifts of Grace initiative. A small donation can make a big difference. \$13 buys a mosquito net, \$6 provides filtered water, \$46 trains a refugee teacher, and student favourites – a long drop loo for \$50 and a pig for \$59. This will be promoted in the Junior School over the next few weeks.

#### Mr Damon Prenzler

ASSISTANT HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL: WELLBEING



## SEEK FRESH HORIZONS

## SEEK YOUR FRESH HORIZON IN 2018

Enrolment opportunities are now available for your child in Reception, Year 3 and Years 7-12 in 2018. To join us for our Twilight Tour on Thursday 9 November at 6pm, register online | [tatachilla.sa.edu.au](http://tatachilla.sa.edu.au)



# from the JUNIOR SCHOOL

## YEAR 2 CAMP REPORT

On the morning of Thursday 14 September the Year 2 classes set off for their one night camp at the Shiloh Hills Christian Retreat at Ironbank. We arrived at the camp set in its beautiful natural bush setting. Our camp activities and catering were organised by the fantastic people at Active Education.

Our first day activities included Nature Craft and the Koala Creek Adventure Course. The course is situated at the base of the hill with things like ropes, chains, bridges, a rock wall, stepping stones and a tarzan rope to balance climb, swing and walk on. It was so much fun - even though our class did encounter a little bit of rain. Our evening meal was plentiful and after tea we enjoyed inside activities including a movie.

After a good night 'sleep' we woke to a beautiful still day. We went on a guided nature walk down the hill, around the dam, up the hill, down another hill and up the last hill while finding out about nature and spotting koalas on our way. When we arrived back at the campsite we then had the wonderful opportunity of holding, touching and even feeding a wide range of animals from 'Animals Anonymous'. Some of the animals were a python, crocodile, blue-tongued lizard, kangaroo joey and the cutest little glider possums. We had a great time. Special thanks goes to the Active Education crew and the fantastic parent helpers that we had with us.

**Mrs Helen Dorling**  
YEAR 2 TEACHER



Glider Possum, Year 2 Camp



Students take part in activities on the Year 2 Camp



Walk my Way presentation with Julie Krause



Students eating dry crackers at recess as part of ALWS Day



Year 2 Camp



# from the head of **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

## **REFORMATION STARTS WITH US CELEBRATING 500 YEARS SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF REFORMATION**

During the coming week Christians around the world will be involved in activities that commemorate the commencement of what is called the Reformation. This was started by a Catholic monk, Martin Luther who on the 31 October 1517 nailed a series of questions and statements onto a door of a Church in Wittenberg. The door was like a notice board where everyone could read the latest news. The following excerpt from a book Velvet Elvis: reports the Christian Faith written by Rob Bell, explains why Martin Luther began the reformation movement;

*"Around 500 years ago, a man named Martin Luther raised a whole series of questions about the picture the church was presenting to the world. He insisted that God's grace could not be purchased with money or good deeds. He wanted everyone to have their own copy of the Bible in a language they could read. He argued that everyone had a divine calling on their lives to serve God, not just priests who had jobs in churches. This concept was revolutionary for the world at that time. He was articulating earth shattering ideas for his listeners. And they heard him. And something big, something historic, happened. Things changed. Thousands of people connected with God in ways they hadn't before."*

500 years later Lutheran Schools exist today to ensure the process of reforming continues in our lives today. At Tatachilla Lutheran College we have a call as educators to encourage our children and young people to ask questions and explore what deeply matters to them, what values they base their lives and decisions on and use the gifts they have been given to serve others and their world.

Luther's rose is a significant symbol in Lutheran churches and schools that reminds us of Luther's discoveries and inspires us each and every day in our calling as educators in Lutheran Schools. Luther's rose displays our commitment to keep on responding to the needs of our society and that our children and young people will experience God's grace through us.

Every blessing for the final term of Term 4 as we conclude 2017 and celebrate the learning, growing and reforming that has occurred for our young people.

**Ms Sarah Hoff-Zweck**  
HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL



## **TERM 4 MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS & DATES**

### **YEAR 9 RITUAL AND CELEBRATION DINNER**

Parents and friends are invited to the Year 9 Ritual at our Years 7-9 Chapel from 8:55am-9:45am on Wednesday 29 November. This event will be held in the College Gymnasium. There will be light refreshments served after the chapel and an opportunity for parents to have photos with their son or daughter. In the evening a celebration dinner will occur for students, beginning at 6pm at the Moana Life Savings Club. More details will come home via students over the next coming weeks.

### **YEAR 7 SOCIAL – MONDAY 4 DECEMBER**

Year 7 students have an opportunity to celebrate their first year of secondary school together at a Social held in the Drama Studio on Monday 4 December. Tickets will be on sale before the evening for students, and parent partners are arranging a social gathering on the same evening for parents. More details will come home via students in November.

### **MS AWARDS ASSEMBLY – TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER**

On Tuesday 5 December all parents are invited to attend the Middle School Awards Assembly at 8:55am-10:00am in the College Gymnasium, where Academic Endeavour, Top of Subject Awards and Principal's Awards will be presented for 2017. This will be our Final Assembly for the year as we celebrate the growth of learning and service of our young people in the Middle School.

### **MS TRANSITION DAY – THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER**

On Thursday 7 December all Middle School students will spend some time meeting their home class teacher for 2018 and come together to meet new people in their class and form new friendships. This is an important day for the new students to Tatachilla in becoming familiar with the environment before next year as we will have new students in Year 7, 8 and 10.

If you have any questions about the transition days do not hesitate to contact the relevant Year Level Coordinator: Year 7 – Michael Ebert; Year 8 – Jenna Fowler; Year 9 – Darren Vile and Year 10 – Marylyn Marshall.

### **MS FINAL FUN DAY – FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER**

On the last day of school, students will engage in a series of fun activities in year level and home class groups with their teachers to celebrate the end of the year. Students will receive their reports at the end of the day after our final R-9 Assembly.

We do encourage you to record these events and dates on your Tatachilla calendar that was sent home in the post at the start of year. We look forward to seeing parents and students at these events that celebrate the year that has been in the Middle School.



# from the SENIOR SCHOOL

## YEAR 12 COLOUR RUN

On the morning of Tuesday 24 October we had the inaugural running of the Year 12 Colour Run. This is a new celebration of our graduating Year 12 students. Each House was introduced to the audience and then invited to run down the middle of the Junior School Oval, where the current Middle and Junior Leaders and the incoming Junior, Middle and Senior leaders pelted them with coloured powder of all four house colours. What eventuated was a Year 12 cohort with tops covered in all four House colours demonstrating our own individual House as well as all students as one group. This was watched on by the rest of the school cheering and congratulating our graduating class. We hope for this to become our new tradition to celebrate House in our graduating Year 12 class.

**Mrs Hannah Marsland**  
TOPAZ HOUSE COORDINATOR





# from the **ECO CLASSROOM**

## **POOR HARRY**

It was a sad sight - Harry the potoroo was not well. He had lost a lot of weight and was losing a lot of fur (which is what potoroos do when they are stressed).

So it was off to Willunga Veterinary Services, transported in all the luxury that a hessian bag can supply. At the vets, Catherine examined him and there were mites in his fur which again is not uncommon for animals under stress.

He was given some medicine for the mites and a full examination. Weighing only 980 grams (standard for a male potoroo is 1.2 kilos) he was a sad sight indeed.

Back to my house where ample amount of love and food was bestowed on young Harry in hope that improvement was imminent.

A week later and no improvement was recorded. Back to the vet where antibiotics were administered, and some critical care food supplement bought.

At this stage Catherine from Willunga Vets had volunteered much of her time and treatment towards Harry and there were lots of back up phone calls to check he was doing well.

At two weeks into treatment Harry's weight had increased to 1 kilo and he was a lot more active and his eyes were bright. We were achieving success.

Four weeks later Harry is now 1.16 kilos and doing fine. Harry now temporarily resides in the EcoClassroom Fauna Rescue Centre where he can be regularly monitored and spoilt. Then out of intensive care and back with his friends in the EcoClassroom.

We would like to thank Willunga Vets for all the volunteer hours and the extra special care that they gave to help our Harry back on his feet. All four of them.

### **Ms Karen Lawrence**

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE OFFICER AND  
CONSERVATION LAND MANAGEMENT TRAINER



A healthy Harry the potoroo



Brush-tailed Bettong

## **MINI BEAST GARDEN**

It is with great joy that members of the Student Environment Council advise you that there is a buzzzz in the Junior School Mini Beast Garden. A number of stingless, native Blue Banded Bees (*Amegilla cingulata*) have been identified hovering around the Dianellas.

Blue banded bees, around 11 mm long with bands of metallic blue fur across their black abdomens, are one of our most beautiful Australian native bees. Living a solitary life each female bee builds her nest in a shallow burrow in clay soil or sometimes in mudbricks. Our 'Bee Hotel' is due for completion at the end of Week 3.

For further information visit:

<http://www.aussiebee.com.au/blue-banded-bee-information.html>

### **Mrs Dolores Amos**

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION RESOURCE OFFICER  
ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR



## **OUR THANKS**

The College gratefully acknowledges **CB & RM Neave, Southern Cross Cleaning** and **AMACE Industries Southern Vale Sheds** for their kind donation towards the completion of Stage 2 of the EcoClassroom.

The Stage 2 extension has been modelled on the nationally threatened *Eucalyptus microcarpa* (Grey Box) vegetation community that was once found on the foothills and hill slopes of southern Mount Lofty Ranges. Male and female native fauna currently residing in Stage 1, will be separated across both stages of the EcoClassroom and before this can happen, habitat needs to be developed and feral exclusion fencing needs to be completed.

Partnerships are currently being developed with local sanctuaries and new fauna will be introduced increasing the genetic diversity of our populations. The ultimate goal is for students to be involved in all aspects of re-wilding the critically endangered Brush-tailed Bettong into appropriately managed natural areas.

The EcoClassroom is a community resource and open to all visitors. If you would like more information on this unique outdoor learning area or if you would like to financially assist with the project, please contact any member of the EcoTeam on 8323 9588.

### **Mrs Dolores Amos**

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION RESOURCE OFFICER  
ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR



# around the **CAMPUS**

## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Congratulations to **Cara O'Connor**, Year 11, who has been selected for the SAPOL Youth Leadership Camp in January 2018. Only 20 students from across the state are chosen to participate in this event and they are selected on the basis of their leadership skills and ability to work effectively as part of a team.

Cara has demonstrated these skills through her voluntary work with Riding for the Disabled (RDA), as a Blue Light volunteer and as part of the Neighbourhood Watch SA Youth Inclusion Initiative.

Well done, Cara!

**Mrs Tracy Templeman**  
CAREER DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

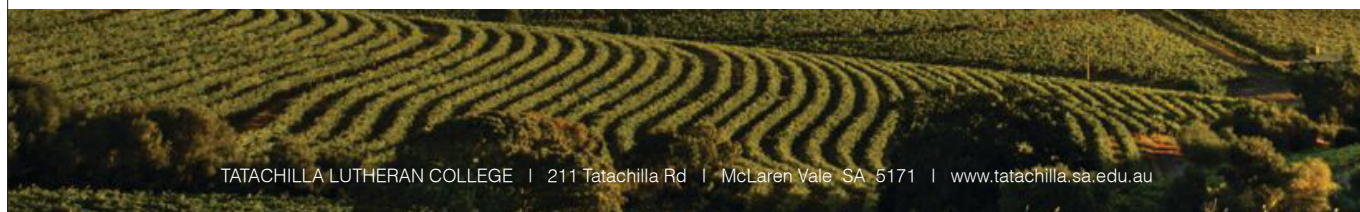


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Join us as we celebrate McLaren Vale's irresistible food and wine region at the inaugural Winemakers of Tatchilla.

**DATE:** FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2017  
**TIME:** 7-10PM  
View the Year 12 Art Exhibition opening in the Foyer from 6pm  
**VENUE:** TATACHILLA LUTHERAN COLLEGE GYMNASIUM  
**TICKETS:** \$45 - <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=314095>

Includes: Champagne on arrival | gourmet cocktail food | wine, beer and food tastings  
entertainment | raffle | souvenir wine glass



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# from the SPORTS FIELDS

## SA ALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the four talented athletes who represented Tatachilla competing at the South Australian All Schools Athletics Championships on the weekend.

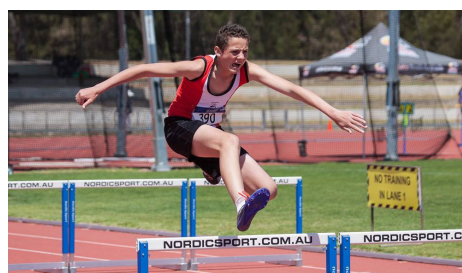
**Jordan McMillan** won gold in the 400m, silver in the 100m and bronze in the 200m. She will now head off to the Nationals. We wish her all the best.

**Angus Hincksman** won gold in the 800m, silver in the long jump, and silver in the 200m. He will head to All Schools Nationals and also made Para Junior National Qualifying times and distance in all events - do March Junior Nationals in Sydney is becoming a reality now.

**Lachlan Bellen** came 3rd in the 3km walk and 4th in the hurdles. **Thomas Neville** competed in the 100, 400 and 1500m races. A great effort by Tatachilla students.

**Miss Tonia Fielke**

YEAR 5-12 SPORTS COORDINATOR



## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Congratulations to **Gemma Kennedy** who has been selected in the SAPSASA Interstate Girl's Cricket championships to compete in Barooga, NSW in January 2018. It has been a long journey for Gemma from when she first started playing cricket in the boys' teams. It is great to have so many opportunities for girls to play cricket now. Gemma is currently playing B grade for Southern District Women's Team.
- Congratulations to **Mitchell Brown**. Mitchell plays hockey for Aldinga Bay Hockey Club and was recently selected to represent the South Coast Hockey Association, at the SA Regional Junior championships as part of the U13 boys team. The championships were held over the long weekend in October at Stockwell in the Barossa Valley.

**Miss Tonia Fielke**

YEAR 5-12 SPORTS COORDINATOR





calendar  
**DATES**

**Term 4 Week 3**

**Monday 30 - Friday 3 October**

Yr 12 Study Week

**Monday 30 October**

Yr 8 Vaccinations

JS Music Evening

**Tuesday 31 October**

Reception 'Ready for School' Evening

JS Assembly

MS/SS Year Level

**Wednesday 1 November**

Yr 7-11 Chapel

**Friday 3 November**

JS Chapel

Art Exhibition Opening

Winemakers of Tatachilla

**Term 4 Week 4**

**Monday 6 - Friday 10 November**

Yr 9 Camp

Yr 7 Aquatics

Yr 12 Exams

**Monday 6 November**

Reception 2018 Transition 1

**Tuesday 7 November**

MS Year Level/SS Assembly

**Wednesday 8 November**

Yr 7 - 11 Chapel

**Thursday 9 November**

College Twilight Tour

**Friday 10 November**

R-11 Remembrance Day Service

**Term 4 Week 5**

**Monday 13 - Friday 17 November**

Yr 12 Exams

JS PE Week

**Monday 13 November**

Reception 2018 Transition 2

Strings Music Evening

**Tuesday 14 November**

Yr 7 - 11 House Meeting

**Wednesday 15 - 17 November**

Yr 6 Camp

**Wednesday 15 November**

R - 11 Assembly

**Thursday 16 November**

Yr 11 Drama Production

**Friday 17 November**

JS Chapel

**GET YOUR WINEMAKERS OF TATACHILLA TICKETS ONLINE NOW:**

Next **Friday 3 November**, 7pm - 10pm, in the College Gymnasium.

Tickets cost \$45 and includes Fox Creek Arctic Fox Sparkling on arrival, gourmet cocktail food, wine, beer and food tastings, entertainment, raffles and a souvenir wine glass.

Funds raised will go to much needed resources in the Eco Classroom.

**Please purchase your tickets online by Monday for catering purposes:**  
<https://www.trybooking.com/RWQP>



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# ART EXHIBITION

3-17 NOVEMBER

OPENING NIGHT

6:00 PM FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2017

TATACHILLA LUTHERAN COLLEGE

GYM FOYER



## Adam Fonfe Tennis

Term 4 HOTSHOTS

WILLUNGA and McLAREN VALE

TENNIS CLUBS



**Willunga:** Saturday Morning

**McLaren Vale:** Sunday Mornings

Cost is \$10 per session  
or \$80 for the 9 week term.



To reserve a place contact Adam Fonfe



adamfonfe@hotmail.com



0478 214 362



Adam Fonfe Tennis



FROM 31ST OCTOBER 2017- TUESDAYS - 3.45PM-4.45PM

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Vote for my project:

Regeneration of McLaren Vale flora and fauna

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