tatachilla NEWS



Term 4 | Week 4 | Friday 10 November 2017

from the

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



Last Sunday at church, we celebrated All Saints Day. It seems a bit of a funny thing to do – to remember and venerate those that have died.

Saints are generally considered to be a person who has received an official honour from the Christian church, for having lived a good and holy life.

Many schools, churches and places are named after them. Interestingly, many of them lived quite strange, or even extreme lives. St Francis of Assisi, who, although born into a wealthy family, gave away his wealth and lived among the poor. Tradition says of St Mary Magdalene, after whom my church is named, that she was a prostitute.

In more recent times, Mother Teresa, who was canonised in 2016, was a

controversial person, choosing to live amongst the poor and dying in Calcutta.

However, there is something about these figures that is fascinating and inspires our Christian life. We can never live exactly like them, but can learn from their example.

It is not just the colourful way they lived, but also the assurance they had that God was close to them and that they had a clear sense of Him in their daily lives.

If we look beyond historical figures to those around us, we will probably find that there are people who have a genuine faith, and who inspire by the example they set. One of these contemporary saints was the Principal of my childrens' primary school.

When our youngest child was born, and we were in a busy period of our lives, she would have our children to stay overnight, to give us a break and a good night's sleep. Although busy with her own work and more grown up children, she gave selflessly and freely. I'm still grateful for this, and inspired by her example.

The Bible says that we have a crowd of people of faith watching over us, encouraging us to live life to the full (Hebrews 12:1), so like the saints of long ago and those around us today, let us draw on God's presence from day to day and live colourful and interesting lives of service, confident that He is close to us

Mr John Dow

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



from the head of JUNIOR SCHOOL

END OF YEAR EVENTS

We look forward to welcoming Junior School families to the events listed below, especially the last few Assemblies and Chapels for the year.

Week 5

Monday to Friday: Junior School PE Week
Monday: Reception Transition Visit II

Wednesday to Friday: Year 6 Camp

Friday: Junior School Chapel

Week 6

Monday and Tuesday: Year 3 Camp

Monday: Reception Transition Visit III and Year 7 Parent Information

Evening

Tuesday: Junior School Assembly
Thursday: Valedictory Service
Friday: Junior School Chapel and

Year 1 Disco

Week 7

Monday: Reception Transition Visit IV

and Band Performance Evening
Tuesday:
Junior School Final Assembly
Wednesday:
Reception Transition Visit to new

classroom

Thursday: Years 1 - 5 Transition Visits to new

classroom and Year 3 picnic Final JS Chapel and Year 6

'Wonder' excursion

Week 8

Friday:

Tuesday: Year 6 Graduation Ritual and

Year 6 Dinner

Wednesday: R - 10 Final Chapel, Tats Got Talent

and Reception Dinner

Thursday: Year 7 Transition Visit, JS Fun Day

and Year 6 Excursion

Friday: Last day of term, Reports sent

home and Final R - 11 Assembly

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

At last Friday's Assembly we welcomed the parents of **Charles Wilson** (RA) and **Iqra Adil** (6A) to witness their children receiving an Excellence Award.

Both students have excelled in all their schoolwork, particularly in the area of storywriting. They have both shown enthusiastic, positive attitudes towards their learning.

Mr John Dow

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL





Award winners Charles and Iqra

FRED HOLLOWS HUMANITY AWARD

Congratulations to Year 6 students **Makayla Davis** and **Isabella Kolencik**, who were presented with Fred Hollows Humanity Awards by Premier Jay Weatherill, at Parliament House on Monday 6 November.

The students have been recognised for their contributions to our school and local community, as well as their willingness and selflessness in helping others. Congratulations and thank you to Makayla and Isabella for your service to our community.

Mrs Tracy McAvaney

YEAR 6 CLASSROOM TEACHER & YEARS 4-6 COORDINATOR







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JUNIOR SCHOOL

JUNIOR SCHOOL ARTS

As part of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait ARTS Unit, the Year 5 students had the opportunity in Week 3 to have the very knowledgeable Mrs Amos share her interest and passion about native plants and share with us Aboriginal artifacts.

Thank you to **Mrs Billie Cornthwaite** (Meeza On Plus Catering) who cooked an amazing assortment of bush tucker food for us to sample. As you can see from the photos the Year 5s absolutely loved it and we were so proud of the fact that they were game to taste everything! They were buzzing with the fact that they had eaten crocodile pie, green ants, goat snags, lemon myrtle chicken, emu meatballs, saltbush chips and more.

We teach the Year 5s about the environment, nature and hunting (using visual arts, drama and music) and we felt that an experience such as this, brought a much deeper understanding to the students.

"The crocodile was good. It tasted like ham." Ryder Pyman

"I was a little nervous about tasting the green ants but they tasted surprisingly good, both sweet and sour." **Louis Ryan**

"We were surprised, the food sounded weird but tasted amazing." **Joshua Winstanley** and **William McAvaney**

"We loved the peppermint gum cookies." **Emma Cocks, Gemma Pfieffer** and **Raina Harrison**

Mrs Sue Matena and Mrs Sharmayne Crowe JUNIOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

LEARNING ENHANCEMENT

Our Junior School Learning Enhancement activities have been strongly nature focused this term. Students have enjoyed opportunities to grow in self-management skills which are a foundation to learning. This has included enhancing sensory regulation through involvement in nature play, log climbing, spinning, rolling down the hill, water play in the creek and cooperative hut building.

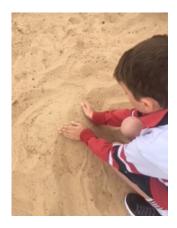
There have been visits to the EcoClassroom where the outdoors can also be beneficial but where the emphasis has been more about enjoying the 'Nature Sanctuary' rather than 'Nature Play'. Students have also written about how their body feels after involvement in 'heavy work' (log lifting), 'tug of war', sandcastle building (digging) and sand play.

Children reported that they felt 'calm' after involvement in these physical activities. This demonstrates the positive impact of the outdoors that translates to improved focus in the classroom. We are thankful for the beautiful environment at our campus and the freedom we have to enjoy being out in nature.

Mrs Alison Watson
YEAR 4-7 LEARNING ENHANCEMENT











from the head of

MIDDLE SCHOOL

INSPIRING CREATIVITY IN OUR LEARNING SPACES

I love the artistic process of seeing young people begin with a blank page of paper, canvas or clay and transform it into a new creation that is unique and individual. Our Middle School is blessed to have Art Teachers: Ms Cassandra Norton, Ms Skye McVicar and Mrs Therese Cook who are guiding our young people to create artworks that will live in our learning spaces in the Middle School.

YEAR 7 ECOCLASSROOM INDIGENOUS ART

As part of Ms Norton's unit on Indigenous Art, Year 7 students walked around the EcoClassroom and mapped the EcoClassroom before creating their interpretation of the landscape as a dot painting. These paintings will become part of a rich fabric to our EcoClassroom collection and history.

YEAR 8 MONET POND

As part of Ms McVicar's Year 8 Art elective, students have been making clay creations inspired by Monet's famous Pond. This pond will be in place on the main wall of the Year 8 Centre which will bring life and God's creation to this learning space.

YEAR 9 MOSAIC TILE WALL

As part of both Ms Norton and Ms McVicar's Year 9 Art elective, students have been designing clay mosaic tiles based on what it means to be a part of Tatachilla. Each tile represents each individual young person's journey with us and the gifts and talents they bring that enriches the lives of others. These mosaic tiles will be placed on the wall along the pathway of the Year 9 Centre and will be added to each year.

These outdoor community artworks are living art that gives every young person in the Middle School the opportunity to reflect on rich and deep meaning in their lives that gives them a sense of purpose and inspiration for living life each day.

WINEMAKERS OF TATACHILLA

Thank you to the many parents, staff and community members who came along to support the Winemakers of Tatachilla event last Friday evening. It was a wonderful evening of connection, fun and socialising, that displayed the heart of what it means to live in a community with each other. A special thank you to Middle School Captains; **Lucy Newman** and **Tyla Ebert** and Year 8 SRC leaders; **Lauren McMillan** and **Joel Maung** for assisting with service on the evening.

We hope to see many more parents at this event next year as we strengthen our community partnerships with each other and the beautiful wine and food region that we are blessed to be a part of in McLaren Vale.

Ms Sarah Hoff-Zweck

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL









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POETRY FESTIVAL

Our congratulations to Year 7 girls, Daisy Gascoigne, Nina Agnew and Nova Bower, who have had their poems published in the latest edition of Anthology. The girls' poems were chosen out of over 700 poems submitted, which is a huge achievement. All three girls attended the 2017 Spring Poetry Festival at Pulteney Grammar School last Saturday, where they were presented with their copy of the Anthology. Daisy received an additional award titled 'Budding Poets Award – Highly Commended' and went on stage to perform her poem.

Well done to all three girls.



from the

CAREERS OFFICE

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Year 12 results release: 19 December 2017
- Last day for change of preferences for university: 4 January 2018

To help you make the best choice, the universities hold special 'Change of Preference' sessions (sometimes they're called 'Info Days') where you can get one-on-one advice and find out about your options.

Flinders University

Friday 15 December 2017 Tonsley: Wednesday 20 December 2017 State Library, North Terrace: Bedford Park: Thursday 21 December 2017 Victoria Square: Wednesday 3 January 2018 Bedford Park: Wednesday 3 January 2018

http://events.flinders.edu.au/show/event/change-ofpreference-drop-in-information-sessions-2018

University of South Australia

Wednesday 20 December 2017

http://unisa.edu.au/Calendar/Preference-Information-Event/

ADFA APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW

Applying for ADFA is a competitive, dual application process that can take up to 12 months. It's preferable you apply in Year 11, but you can still apply in Year 12. Applications for 2018 Year 12 students (for 2019 entry) close at the end of February 2018.

https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/ australian-defence-forceacademy/how-to-apply

JOBEX ADELAIDE

Port Augusta:

JOBEX is an expo showcasing career pathways and job opportunities in emerging industries. The event is free but you can register as an individual now. https://jobex.sa.gov.au/ registration/

JOBEX Adelaide: Friday 10 & Saturday 11

November 2017, 10am - 5pm Monday 20 November 2017,

10am - 7pm

Thursday 23 November 2017, Murray Bridge:

10am - 7pm

CCUSA INFO SESSIONS

Find out about working in the USA and Canada, including at summer camps.

Information meetings:

13 November 2017, 6:30pm: Online 27 November 2017, 6:30pm: Online

30 November 2017, 4:30pm - 7:30pm: Adelaide https://www.facebook.com/pg/ccusa.australia/ events/?ref=page_internal

JOB SEEKING WEBSITE

If you are looking for work, a site that you might find helpful is Jobbydo. https://www.jobbydoo-au.com

Jobbydoo aggregates job vacancies from all Australian career sites, job boards and recruitment agencies, and organises that information to make it accessible with easy find/search options. Jobbydoo's live listing includes apprenticeships, traineeships and entry-level jobs across a variety of industries.

Key advantages of Jobbydoo-au.com are it's fresh, comprehensive job listings. Find work either nationally, statewide or locally. The site is completely secure. Jobbydoo uses the HTTPS protocol that ensures data protection.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Mrs Tracy Templeman

SENIOR SCHOOL

As we come to the end of the year there are some significant events to acknowledge in the Senior School.

This term marks some significant milestones for Year 12 students. There are many 'final' or 'last' events that occur throughout the weeks to provide tangible evidence that the end of Year 12 is nigh for our students as they conclude their final year. Week 2 of the term included the inaugural Colour Run to farewell students from their collective House communities. Thank you to House Leaders Mr Dan Krieg, Mr Tom Harms, Mrs Hannah Marsland and Mrs Rachel Overstreet for organising such a memorable first time ritual. The week concluded with the final Chapel for our Senior School students followed by a tree planting ceremony and final Year 12 photograph on the steps of the main Administration Building. It was wonderful to see families in attendance at these noteworthy moments to acknowledge the conclusion of thirteen years of education!

I wish all Year 12 students success in their examinations over the course of the following weeks. It is important that students arrive 30 minutes ahead of each examination with the correct equipment and resources. Students are reminded that they are to wear full summer uniform and must ensure that phones and smart watches are not brought into the examination room.

Families of Year 12 students are reminded that our Valedictory Service is on Thursday 23 November at 7.30pm. Students are expected to attend from 4.30pm. It will be wonderful to formally celebrate the achievements of the cohort.

An end to something often promises new beginnings. 2017 student leaders passed on their responsibilities to the incoming post holders for 2018 in our recent Chapel. We thank Jessica Elton, Branden Bonnard, Henna Ahmedi, Ryan McCurrach and Jacob Schilling for their service in its many facets over the course of this year. We also welcome the new leaders in the Senior School - College Captains Tess Cross, Gemma Fakes and Deputy College Captains Chloe Bagshaw, Aimee Ollerenshaw and Lucas Schroeder and wish them every success in their leadership roles for the coming year.

Students have much to do to complete their studies for the final term including preparation for examinations. Transition programs will also form a part of the conclusion to the academic year. These customised programs are important for students to understand what next year will bring and what responsibilities they have as Senior students. For Year 9 students moving into Year 10, the day includes work on study skills and organisation provided by Elevate Education as well as practical workshops on the structure and workings of the Senior School in terms of locations, services and work submission. Students will have the opportunity to meet their Home Class Teacher and get to know each other on the day too

Prior to the commencement of Australian Business Week (ABW), students in Year 10 will experience transition with a focus on Stage 1 SACE information, well-being management and goal setting.

Year 11 students will experience a week of transition within which they will attend a CRAVE seminar, individual subject seminars with Year 12 teachers, including Research Project, and receive some important information about expectations for SACE and school in 2018.

I wish all students and their families every blessing in their journey from one year level to the next.

Mrs Marylyn Marshall HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL







SENIOR SCHOOL

2017 YEAR 12 FINAL CHAPEL

Friday 27 October saw the last official day for the Year 12s of 2017. Keeping with tradition, the Year 12s entered their Final Chapel by lighting a candle and placing it in the design of the Tatachilla cross - symbolic of the inclusivity of the Christian faith and doctrine of the Lutheran Church.

On this day, Year 12s also plant a tree to signify their lasting connection with us as a community, regardless of where their lives take them! A final photo on the main stairs leading up to the courtyard, followed by a morning tea with family, friends and teachers brought the formalities of this special farewell to a close.

As the Year 12 Coordinator, it has been a privilege walking this final year with these special young people and I pray for all success in the coming exams, as well as for a deep joy to follow their lives as they venture out into the big, wide world.

Mr Chris McElligott YEAR 12 COORDINATOR



Year 10 parents: applications for the Cambodia experience to be held in Sept/Oct of 2018 are due by Friday 10 November and a Parent Information Session is taking place on Tuesday 14 November from 5:30-6:30pm in the Library. This will give you an opportunity to hear more about how this experience embeds within the school curriculum, what the World Challenge model principles means, as well as a question and answer time. I hope to see you there.

Mr Chris McElligott YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

TATFEST 2017

Tatachilla is proud to announce **Aiden Van Nielen** as the official winner of TatFest for 2017 with his film, 'The Mission'.

Runner up was awarded to **Jacob Schilling** with his film, 'The Last', and Best Alternative Film was awarded to **Alfie Milburn** for 'The Great Escape'.

Mr Scott Deverson YEAR 12 MEDIA STUDIES

PRINCIPAL'S CHOICE ART AWARD

Well done to **Lucy Lange** who was awarded the prestigious Principal's Choice Award at the Year 12 Art Exhibition Opening Night. Lucy's winning piece will be exhibiting at the The Barn Bistro over the coming months.

Ms Skye McVicar YEAR 12 ART TEACHER













around the CAMPUS

WINEMAKERS OF TATACHILLA 2017

Last Friday 3 November we celebrated our very first Winemakers of Tatachilla! It was a spectacular showcase of our irresistible food and wine region and we cannot wait to see this community event grow in years to come.

Thank you to all the wineries, breweries and foodies who took part in this event, as well as everyone who volunteered their time to make it the success that it was.

Mrs Sally Moran COMMUNITY RELATIONS & FUNDRAISING OFFICER



















CANTEEN NEWS

Many thanks are extended to our Canteen volunteers; **Wendy Whiting, Lucy Robson, Vicki Ambili, Victoria Ryan, Joy Robins, Suzanne Tucker, Liz Barclay, Alison Laffer** and **Tracey Stevens**.

They have donated their time to help in the Canteen and their support is appreciated and valued.

Please be aware that as the year comes to an end, we try to maintain all our regular stock right up until our last Friday, but on occasions things run out unexpectedly and your child may receive an alternate order on the last day of the year, but we hope not!

Thank you to all students and parents for your support throughout the year.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable Christmas and holiday break.

Mrs Therese McCrackan CANTEEN MANAGER

SPORTS FIELDS

SAPSASA CRICKET

Congratulations to **Lachlan Nash** who has been selected in the Onkaparinga South District Team to compete in the SAPSASA Boys Cricket Carnival between 20 and 23 November. We wish him all the best.

CHEERLEADING

Eleanor Silkstone, Imogen McDougall, Alesha Genovese and **Chateise Goss** (Year 8s) competed in their final cheerleading competition of the year. All competed in Junior Jazz and Pom and placed 3rd out of nine teams.

Eleanor, Alesha and Chateise placed 2nd in Junior Cheer, Eleanor and Chateise 1st in Senior Novice Cheer and Chateise 1st in Senior Level 1 Cheer.

Both Senior Teams hit zero - a perfect score which doesn't happen very often.

Great work girls!

Miss Tonia Fielke

YEAR 5-12 SPORTS COORDINATOR









calendar **DATES**

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

Friday 17 November

JS Chapel

Term 4 Week 6

Monday 20 - Wednesday 22

November

Yr 3 Camp

Monday 20 November

Reception 2018 Transition III Yr 7 Parent Information Night

Tuesday 21 November

MS Year Level/SS Assembly

Wednesday 22 November

Yr 7 - 10 Chapel

Pre-Valedictory Dinner

Thursday 23 November

Valedictory Service

Friday 24 November

JS Chapel Yr 1 Disco Term 4 Week 7

Monday 27 November

Reception 2018 Transition IV

Tuesday 28 November

JS Final Assembly

MS/SS Year Level

Wednesday 29 November

Yr 7 - 9 Chapel (Yr 9 Ritual) Yr 9 Celebratory Dinner

Thursday 30 November

Yr 3 End of Term Gathering

Friday 1 December

JS Chapel

Yr 6 'Wonder' Excursion

Yr 12 Summer School



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